Podcast 3: A-B-C recording

A-B-C recording, also called an anecdotal report, provides a written description of everything that happens concerning the student during a specific period that is associated with direct antecedents and consequences. When doing an observation, it is important to just write what you see and not interpret events.

There were four observations completed on Craig. The team reviewed the data to look for (a) consistent patterns of reinforcement or punishment of inappropriate behavior, (b) identifiable antecedents to the inappropriate behavior, and (c) patterns to the antecedents and possibilities for intervention. When they reviewed the data, some patterns emerged; his inappropriate behavior in the classroom most often resulted in teacher attention and successfully avoiding or delaying his work. When the teacher was close to him and giving encouragement and praise, his behavior was on task. During the low structure time of restroom break, his behavior was followed by attention from other children and his teacher. Their observations corroborate the information gleaned from the FACTS and Teacher Team Functional Assessment Questionnaire, therefore validate the hypotheses developed using those tools.