

Using *Verbal Behavior* to Analyse

Language

Participants will learn about B. F. Skinner's book *Verbal Behavior* (VB) and how it can help improve their communication training programs for children and adults with various learning and developmental disabilities.

The workshop describes Skinner's core language functions, each defined in terms of its functional relevance. Participants will learn how an understanding of how to identify these complex verbal functions can lead to improvements in teaching strategies no matter which modality is selected.

The protocol for PECS (Frost and Bondy, 2002) is used as an example of a training sequence that can be analyzed using VB. Issues related to the difficulty of teaching communicating about emotions and feelings, as well as some of the central issues related issues.

Target Audience

Family Members
Teachers
Speech Pathologists
Psychologists
Teaching Assistants
Behaviour Analysts
Other Specialists

Objectives

As a result of this workshop, participants will learn:

- How to define Skinner's basic verbal operants
- How to define complex verbal operants
- How to use *Verbal Behavior* to analyse language training protocols, including PECS
- How an understanding of autoclitics can help our understanding of autism spectrum disorders

Registration:

\$198.00 (inc. GST) for professionals
\$121.00 (inc. GST) for parents and full-time students

Students will be required to provide proof of full-time enrolment with their registration.

Discounted rate available if attending **both** this talk, and *Pyramid Approach to Behaviour Intervention* - Aug 17, 2007

Cost for both days:

\$356.40 (inc. GST) for professionals
\$217.80 (inc. GST) for parents and full-time students

Registration Fee Includes:

Detailed handouts, morning and afternoon tea, and lunch.

Cancellations:

Cancellations must be received by 14 days prior to the workshop start date to receive a full refund. After 14 days prior to the start date, no refunds will be issued, however, the registration fee may be applied toward a future training workshop or event. Substitutions may be made at any time.

Confirmations:

A receipt of registration will be mailed within 10 business days after your registration is received. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact our business office.

Registration Form

NAME _____

ORGANISATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/POSTCODE _____

(_____) _____
AREA CODE TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL _____

WORKSHOP LOCATION _____ DATE _____

Payment Information

- Professional
 Parent/Student (students enclose proof of enrolment)
 I am attending both workshops (16 & 17 August)
(tick if appropriate)
 Cheque Enclosed
 Please invoice
 Credit Card (Visa/Mastercard)

EXPIRY DATE _____ AMOUNT _____

How do I register?

By Fax: Fax us your registration, you can do so at
03 9391 6133.

By Phone: Phone **03 9391 6122.**
Our office will be happy to take your registration.

By Mail: Mail with payment to **Pyramid Educational Consultants of Australia P/L, 3/1 Basil Street, Newport, VIC, 3015**

Pyramid Educational Consultants offers a wide range of workshop and consult services for carers and educators of individuals with autism and related disabilities. Pyramid is an international consortium of highly educated professionals dedicated to providing the highest quality care. Andrew S. Bondy, Ph.D., and Lori Frost, M.S., CCC/SLP, established Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. in 1994, and Pyramid Australia is the subsidiary responsible for provision of services within Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region.

Your Presenter ...

Andy Bondy is president and co-founder of Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. Dr. Bondy is an innovative leader in the field of autism and applied behaviour analysis. He directed a statewide public school system for students with autism for fourteen years. He is co-author of the PECS Training Manual. Dr. Bondy also wrote the Pyramid Approach to Education, a training manual that offers an integrated orientation to developing effective educational environments blending applied behaviour analysis with functional activities and creative communication strategies.

Dr. Bondy received his MA and Ph.D. from the UNC Greensboro, and completed his clinical internship in 1976 at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Dr. Bondy has presented numerous papers, lectures and workshops in regional, national and international conferences and conventions on behaviour analysis, PECS and the Pyramid Approach to Education. He has remained active in research and writing, and continues to develop new and innovative methods of helping children with autism and related developmental disorders.

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