

# Utilizing Individual Support Plans to Assist Children in the Milieu, at Home and in the Community

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#### About Us

- Our mission: To provide services to children and families that inspire, empower and heal.
- Established in 1879 First children's human services agency in the area
- We support more than 4,000 kids per year primarily in Linn and Johnson counties in southeast Iowa—but all families are welcome at Tanager Place.



## Objectives

- Participates will learn how to utilize an individual support plan to collaborate with an interdisciplinary team.
- Participants will gain awareness of the importance of how to communicate with a child to increase connection and adaptive behaviors
- Participants will learn how to utilize and individual support plan to collaborate with families, schools, and staff











## What is an Individual Support Plan (ISP)?

- Created to provide safety, connection/belonging, meaning/purpose and efficacy related to programming.
- Every PMIC client has an ISP while in our care.
- Created through collaboration between the interdisciplinary team, client and family.











## Development of an ISP

- Each client has an ISP created within 48 hours of admit.
  - Therapist meets with client and identifies several aspects in regards to their plan.
    - Support team
      - Who are the people in the clients life that support them? Who can they call when they are struggling?
        - Note: This list can be very small at time of admit.
    - Personal awareness
      - "When I am doing well I look and behave like this.."











#### **Problem Behaviors**

Losing my temper:	Fighting/ Assaultive:	Threatening others:	Using substances:	
Injuring myself:	Unsafe thoughts:	Eloping:	Other:	



















#### What makes me feel scared, upset, sad, or angry?

Not being listened to:	Feeling pressured:	People:	Arguments:	
Sensory:	Feeling lonely:	Being touched:	Not having control:	
Time/day/month:	Being isolated:	Being disrespected:	Social Media:	
Being threatened:	Being teased or	Being ignored:	Darkness:	
	bullied:			
Being left alone:	Certain time of day:	Certain time of	Contact with certain	
		month/year:	people:	
Being crowded:	Lack of privacy:	Bad memories:	Background noise:	
Being told no:	Having my space	Feeling pressured:	Flashbacks:	
	invaded:			
Loud noises:	Chores:	Having to wait:	Loud voice tones:	
Structure:	Not taken seriously:	Chaos:	Other:	



#### What does your body do when you are feeling overwhelmed?

Sweaty:	Red face:	Acting hyper:	Being rude:	
Eating:	Stomachache:	Wringing hands:	Swearing:	
Pacing:	Isolating:	Racing heart:	Loud voice:	
Bouncing Leg:	Crying:	Clenching teeth/jaw:	Sleeping:	
Rocking:	Arguing:	Irritable:	Rage:	
Yelling:	Shaking:	Headache:	Lashing out:	
Change in breathing	Change in eating	Laugh/giggle:	Change in sleeping	
patterns:	habits:		habits:	
Running away:	Hiding:	Goes blank/numb:	Other:	











#### The following can be done to help keep me safe and make me feel more comfortable:

Time alone:	Talking:	Exercising:	Taking a shower:	
Ripping paper:	Drawing:	Listening to music:	Being around others:	
Punching pillow:	Cleaning:	Reading:	Coloring:	
Writing:	Playing:	Breathing:	Crying:	
Lying down:	Rocking:	Pacing:	Singing:	
Staying off social media:	Driving:	Walking:	Hug:	
Peer/family support:	Humor:	Eating:	Calling a support:	
Have your hand held:	Using cold face cloth:	Being read a story:	Other:	











#### Do not do the following as this may make it worse:

Being alone:	Being disrespected:	Having reminders:	Being around others:	
Not being listened to:	Talking:	Being ignored:	Other:	











## Milieu Application

- ISP is discussed with full team during our team meetings.
  - Therapist will give staff a brief summary of client's personal awareness.
    - Triggers, warning signs, helpful tips
  - Staff are able to ask questions and provide feedback
  - Full team can role play different communication tools or situations to better understand the ISP.











#### Relationship Plans

- All ISPs must include a relationship plan.
  - Therapist can ask how the client would like staff to engage with them.
  - Can also create plans for identifying safe spaces, participating in group, or improving social skills.
- Therapist will create this at first, however as their stay progresses, therapist will incorporate trends and patterns, as well as ideas from the client, family, and staff.











#### Examples of Relationship Plans

- Engaging in activities that would further client's understanding of positive social skills
  - Following directions: Simon Says, Board Games, Red light/Green light
  - Mirroring: mirror faces, making feelings faces
  - Conversation: 20 questions, head bands, acting out stories
  - Client will choose one activity per shift











#### Client Example

- Client has been struggling with utilizing staff to regulate her emotions for her. She often asks for walks and to have staff do her treatment binder for her. Staff will utilize the following:
  - Client will be able to go on walks when staff are available. She will only be able to do two walks per shift. Staff will document in supervision logs.
  - Staff will be with client through walk and process her emotions for the first half of the walk. The second half of the walk should include conversation starters and connection building.











## Metacommunication plan

- Metacommunication protocol
  - Based on private logic and past experiences
  - Tools used:
    - Non violent communication
    - Close ended questions
    - Open questions
    - Different styles of metacommunication
    - Validating feelings vs events











#### Metacommunication Plan Example

- Client's perception of reality is skewed
  - Staff should:
    - Always validate emotions!
    - Metacommunicate under the themes of self-awareness.
    - Use level 1 metacommunication
    - Point out body sensation and ask curious questions.
    - If client is at baseline, staff should try to challenge contradictions they are seeing.
  - Staff should not talk with client about his behaviors while he is in his peak of escalation.











## Other Plan Types

- Heightened engagement
- Nutrition plan
- Phone plan
- Peer support plan
- Technology plan
- Education plan
- Incentive plan
- A/B Plan











#### A/B & Incentive Plan Example

- 4:00- 5PM: Community Circle Time/Treatment Time
  - A:
  - B:
  - If completes 4:00 -5:00 with minimal issues does earn two stars- NEEDS TO BE COTTAGE. If client chooses to do this 1-1, then for reflection group B is not an option.
- 5:00- 6:00PM: Dinner/Evening Chores
  - Eating dinner downstairs and practicing social skills in a group is part of treatment.
  - No A/B is offered
  - If completes 5:00-6:00 with minimal issues does earn two stars- NEEDS TO BE COTTAGE
- 6:00-7:30: Enhancement Time (choose one from Enhancement Calendar activities)
  - A:
  - If completes 6:00-7:30 with minimal issues does earn two stars- Following cottage Enhancement Calendar
  - You will be able to choose two of the off grounds rec for the week that you for sure will be on the list for. Anything extra would be based on privileges. There is no B plan offered due to wanting to practice all social skills and goals with the scheduled activities.
- 7:30- 7:45: Circle Time and Snack/Meds
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  - **B:** If client chooses to have a 1-1 with staff for 4PM group/treatment then they does not get a B plan.
- 7:45-8:30PM: Social and Emotional Learning Time and Bedtime Routines
  - A:
  - B:
  - If completes 7:30-8:30 with minimal issues does earn two stars-
  - Client must shower for 10mins (if it is his scheduled day) then 20 mins of 1-1 time with staff in cottage. 1-1's will not last past 8:45 regardless of start time.











#### Home Visit Plans

- When planning for visits with family, therapist will create a plan to help client and family feel safe.
  - Therapist identifies personal awareness with family
  - Therapist will also identify norms with the family
  - Therapist creates step by step plan for families to follow











## Discharge Safety Plan

- Similar to planning for a home visit, each client and family will receive a safety plan to set them up for success after discharge.
- These plans include:
  - Personal Awareness
  - Supports
  - Metacommunication
  - "What do when plans are not working?"











#### School Plans

- Team can assist school in identifying personal awareness and different tools that have worked in cottage.
  - Client, family, interdisciplinary team, and school all collaborate to create these plans.











#### Questions?









