

# Our Behavior Team

Our goal is to provide behavioral consultation, collaboration, and support to students and their individual educational teams through the application of behavior analytic principles and strategies. Our profession is guided by a variety of evidence-based practices in instruction, behavior, and social emotional learning. Staff across the SELPA may access our services, and depending on the nature of the behavior, observation and consultation is provided by either a SELPA Program Specialist, our Behavior Specialist, or a Mental Health Clinician.

**Joshua Kuersten** has been in the field of special education since 1991, starting as a paraprofessional, then special education teacher, behavior intervention specialist, and expert trainer and consultant. He earned a Master's Degree in Advanced Special Education from Concordia University and completed graduate courses in Applied Behavior Analysis and Research at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.



Josh is a highly sought after trainer in the Nurtured Heart Approach, and he has a passion for providing professional learning for paraprofessionals and parents. Josh has for several years provided consistent support across the SELPA to member LEAs and at BASES Learning Center.

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Visit the SELPA Behavior page at:  
<https://buttecountyselpa.org/info/behavioral-supports>

## Websites for Behavior Best Practices

**AFIRM** - Autism-Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

**CAL ABA** - California Association for Behavior Analysts

**CAPTAIN** - California Autism Professional Training and Information Network

**PENT** - Positive Environments Network of Trainers

**PBIS** - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports



# Behavior Support Services

Shaping Behavior to  
Create Future Success





## Our Services

The primary focus of Behavior Support Services is to serve students who frequently engage in behaviors that disrupt their learning or the learning of others. We strive to support general education and special education programs in implementing evidence-based practices for all students.

### 1 Trainings

Our team is available to schedule on-site training in all aspects of behavior analysis. Please visit our website for training resources and scheduled events. All trainings focus on the use of Evidence-Based Practices for supporting individuals with Autism and others with behavioral needs.

### 2 Assessment

SELPA assists in the development and monitoring of Functional Behavior Assessments (FBAs), Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs), behavior goals in Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and behavioral strategies. Additionally, they provide support with observations and data collection.

### 3 Coaching

The SELPA BCBA can assist with interventions or strategies regarding behavior in the learning environment and support transition planning. They are available to model effective behavioral intervention techniques, support social skills groups, conduct direct observations, and give feedback.

### 4 Evaluation

The Behavior Support Team can provide evaluation of program quality indicators and treatment fidelity of behavioral interventions.



### 5 Consultation

The SELPA BCBA is a necessary member of the SELPA Collaboration Team, which meets each week to problem-solve individual cases and offer suggestions. They help design appropriate behavior programming for individual students, and relevant training for pertinent staff.

## Butte County SELPA Mission Statement

Butte County SELPA is dedicated to the belief that all students can learn and that students with special needs must be guaranteed equal opportunity to become contributing members of society. We believe in success for all students and support inclusion in all aspects of life. Our mission is to empower teachers and families to empower students. Student self-determination and independence are strong focuses in our SELPA, as well as strength-based and student-centered planning.

## For Parents

- Parents and care providers can access behavior supports through workshops offered through the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Depending on the nature of the concern, the SELPA Behavior Specialist, or other credentialed SELPA Specialist, will be happy to assist you.