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Topic 1, Volume A

QUESTION NO: 1

When presenting extinction as a possible treatment option to a client and his or her family, it is MOST important for a behavior analyst to

- A. assure them that extinction is supported in the literature as an effective procedure.
- B. present it along with other interventions, including reinforcement based alternatives.
- C. discuss the risks and benefits of using extinction and assure them that it is the best option.
- D. explain his or her experience using extinction with similar cases.

Answer: B

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 2

A behavior analyst is asked to provide direct services requiring daily 1:1 interaction with a teen-aged client. The client does not speak but can communicate fluently using sign language. The behavior analyst knows some sign language but is not fluent. The BEST approach to this situation would be to

- A. explain his level of competence in sign language to the family before beginning service.
- B. hire a sign language interpreter to attend the sessions.
- C. attend a workshop in sign language prior to beginning service.
- D. refer the family to a behavior analyst fluent in sign language.

Answer: D

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 3

Fara has identified two procedures that have an equal probability of being effective. In order to select the better procedure, she should

- A. choose the procedure that falls within the staff's level of competence.
- B. determine which procedure is most clinically popular based on the rate of use by professionals.
- C. select the procedure that best utilizes the existing funding stream.
- D. use a random number table to rule out bias.

Answer: A

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 4

Which of the following would BEST contribute to a behavior analyst's professional development?

- A.** attending a workshop that provides videotaped examples and practice activities for innovative interventions
- B.** reading articles from a peer-reviewed applied behavior analysis journal that describe techniques that are applicable to her client population
- C.** becoming a member of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, which is a rich resource for behavior analysts
- D.** contributing an article to the newsletter of the local Association for Behavior Analysis chapter

Answer: B

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 5

Before recruitment of participants for a research study begins, a behavior analyst needs to:

- A.** obtain consent from participant(s) or legal guardian(s) if necessary.
- B.** obtain institutional review board approval or equivalent (e.g., an ethics committee).
- C.** inform participants of their ability to withdraw from the study.
- D.** inform participants about ethical requirements and experimental procedures.

Answer: B

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 6

Billy, a 20-year-old male, has the capacity to give consent for treatment. The behavior analyst has developed a program and explained it to Billy. Procedures, benefits, rights, and other information also were shown to him. The one element still needed for informed consent is approval from

- A.** Billy.

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- B. clinical review committee.
 - C. human rights committee.
 - D. Billy's parents.

Answer: A

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 7

From an ethical standpoint, target behaviors and program goals should be selected

- A. by service providers and staff members who are knowledgeable of the consumer's needs.
- B. by the consumer or their representative in consultation with an interdisciplinary team.
- C. so that they ultimately facilitate transition to independent living.
- D. that most closely adhere to the standards of the community.

Answer: B

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 8

Fred does not follow some of the directives imposed by the direct care staff. A behavior analyst has been asked to put a program in place that will get Fred to comply with all directives. The behavior analyst should FIRST

- A. differentiate between compliance rates across different directives.
- B. request that staff provide a ratio of compliant behaviors to noncompliant ones.
- C. determine a list of potential reinforcers for the behavior program.
- D. consider the ethical implications of training Fred to comply with all directives.

Answer: D

Explanation:

QUESTION NO: 9

A behavior analyst specializing in developmental disabilities is informed by a cousin at a family gathering that their 2-year-old child has just received a diagnosis of autism and severe intellectual disability. The cousin asks the behavior analyst for advice. Which statement BEST conforms to the ethical and professional standards for behavior analysts?