

The Behavior Bank: A System for Sharing Precise Information

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■ The Behavior Bank, an international computer bank, contains information on precise measurement projects. Projects deposited are reported on five data bank forms. The forms report: individuals involved in projects, behaviors recorded and their frequencies, situations in which projects took place, improvements in performances, and procedures used in projects. The forms and Behavior Charts are deposited together. In reporting a project, behaviors are identified by social security numbers and/or their initials or full names. If anonymity is desired, arbitrary numbers are used.

Over 11,000 projects are stored in the Bank from the fields of education, psychology, psychiatry, social work, medicine, and nursing. (60 to 70 percent of the projects stored deal with special education).

The Bank's following capabilities have value for all.

1. The Bank provides precise communications between professionals and the parents and children they serve.

2. The Bank stores any approach to improving human behavior, be it educational, operant conditioning, psychotherapy, counseling, drug therapy, special nursing, love, or prayer. The Bank provides project managers with data on the wide variety of procedures used in their field and their effectiveness.

3. The large file of basic observations provide detailed answers to detailed questions, eliminating the need for generalizations. Thus, the predictive nature of the data stored can answer tomorrow's questions from yesterday's data.

4. The Bank provides summaries of projects across children, schools, districts, and states. Each depositor can get a summary of all of his own.

5. Management team members who deposit a project can become eligible for certification as qualified precise behavior managers. In this way the Bank provides quality control of precise management procedures, and names and locations of trainers, advisors, and managers. Thus, if you're interested in training and/or supervision, you can locate qualified personnel.

6. The Behavior Bank permits rapid storage and retrieval of information about precise behavior management.

Bank projects provide a broad base on which depositors can compare charts for under \$10 per child per year. Data can be deposited for less than \$1.00 per project. The Bank does not sell access to its data. To share you must contribute. Through the Bank, teachers of today and tomorrow can share their joys of helping children grow.

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