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An applied approach to behavioural intervention for young children

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- 1991: Child Care Advisory Committee
- How to support quality?
- How to support inclusion?
- Survey: 10% of children were described as “challenging” by their ECE teachers.
- 1200 children lined up for assessment and treatment!! There has to be a better way!
A Healthy Environment is the Foundation for Inclusion

- Behaviour challenges at home
- Family doctor refers to child care
- Child care staff request behavioural consultation
- Behavioural Consultant recommends changes in environment
- Child Care Environment “A Pivot Point”
- Behaviour challenges at child care
Goals

- Produce a package of resources which focuses on training caregivers and parents to manage preschoolers’ challenging behaviours
  - ECEs become more confident and skilled
  - Decrease demands on clinicians
  - Improve overall quality of childcare in the community
Characteristics

- Supports caregivers
- Facilitates skill development
- Provides a system
- Evidence and research-based
- Non-intrusive and non-aversive
- Facilitates rapid, safe solutions
- Preventative interventions
- Developmentally appropriate interventions
- Emphasizes child’s emotional and social well-being
- Promotes emotional health and positive attitudes of caregivers
- Can be used in part or whole
**For Goodness Sake** is a resource for early childhood educators, and teachers.

Through its interactive CD format, **For Goodness Sake** combines training along with a system to guide practitioners and parents in developing action plans to address challenging behaviour and support pro-sociality.
Anticipated outcomes

- Lessened demand on community mental health consultation services
- Improvements in caregiver confidence
- Improved school-readiness and pro-social skill development
Evaluation

The Research and Evaluation committee of Hamilton Early Learning Partners for Best Practice (HELP-BP) is chaired by Dr. Jean Clinton and includes researchers and epidemiologists from:

- McMaster University’s “CUKA”
- McMaster University Department of Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour
- McMaster Children’s Hospital
Currently under evaluation

- Fidelity to training
- Change in teachers/caregivers’ confidence
- Child outcomes will be evaluated in conjunction with McMaster University’s Community – University Research Alliance (CURA) Project (Longitudinal)
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Availability

– For Goodness Sake is available for the price of $250.00. You can download an order form at [www.ascy.ca](http://www.ascy.ca).

- Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
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