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*Positive Behavioral Supports:
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In this presentation Dr. Pomeranz assesses the medical/biological, psychological/psychiatric and environmental influences of socially inappropriate behavior. Emphasis is placed on proactive strategies to identify and respond to the unmet needs of the individual. Limitations of classical behavior management approaches are discussed. Through example and short story Tom makes it clear that "anger communicates unmet need."

Getting a life for people and coaching them into it - is an effective intervention for supporting people in behaving in more socially acceptable ways. Supporting people in possessing and experiencing "things" of value in their lives (hobbies, volunteering, education, spirituality, and leisure pursuits) noncontingently, promotes a quality life. The quality of one's life is enhanced when family, friends and others who support them behave in ways that embrace the tools of UE. Lives void of value and meaning result in anomie - if my life has no meaning and my life has no value, I will behave in a way to cause your life to have no meaning and no value either.

As a strategy to promote socially acceptable behavior the following values will be discussed:

- People have the ability to control themselves.
- People who stay calm in stressful situations can assist others to remain calm.
- Anger is an expression of frustration, anxiety or fear.
- Anger communicates unmet need.
- Negotiation skills are more valuable than control methods.
- People change when supported by strong, positive relationships.
- People who can make choices and control their own lives have less need to attempt to control others.
- People are responsible for their own behavior.

Presenter

Dr. Tom Pomeranz is a nationally recognized authority, trainer, clinician and consultant in the field of services for people with disabilities. Over the last forty (40) years, Tom has conducted thousands of seminars and programs throughout the United States and Canada. His



audiences praise his ability to combine information, humor, passion and storytelling into an informative whole that does not just present the information, but really communicates it in a memorable fashion.

Tom was the keynote speaker at the Fifth International Conference on Developmental Disabilities and Aging in Cyprus. He is the highly acclaimed creator of Universal Enhancement, which teaches strategies promoting community participation and supporting people to have a quality life. Additionally, he is noted for his innovative approach to leadership and management training.

Tom has authored numerous articles in various professional publications and The Principles and Practices of Universal Enhancement. Published by High Tide Press, this book details with humor and compassion the autocratic and clinical restraints of supporting people with developmental disabilities and the alternative "Universal Enhancement" way. Tom has also created a seven part staff training DVD series The Principles and Practices of Building Community. Co-produced with Tierra Del Sol it covers seven critical topics that provide staff with best practice tools to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Tom received his Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Special Education and a Doctorate in Mental Health Administration from Indiana University, followed by post-graduate work from the University of Notre Dame in the area of experimental psychology. He has held a variety of top level administrative posts in community-based service organizations and three large state-operated facilities.

Tom is a Policy Fellow and Visiting Lecturer for Minot State University – North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, a University Center of Excellence.

Tom is the President and CEO of Universal LifeStiles with offices located in Indianapolis, IN.