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## Right Time, Right Purpose--Selecting Effective Instructional Strategies

*Kerry Lambert, T-TAC ODU Director*

As teachers continue to learn more about the nine categories of research-based effective instructional strategies, questions arise about when to use a particular strategy. For guidance with selecting instructional strategies, there are four questions that are helpful to ask. Each of the categories of instructional strategies relates to at least one of the four questions. While this issue of the T-TAC Network News focuses primarily on *reinforcing effort and providing recognition*, the table below will serve as a reminder of all nine strategies and provides the four questions that can help you decide when to use a particular strategy.

### The Four Planning Questions and Corresponding Instructional Strategies

Planning Questions	Instructional Strategies
What will students learn?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting objectives</li> </ul>
Which strategies will provide evidence of student learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing feedback</li> <li>• Providing recognition</li> </ul>
Which strategies will help students acquire and integrate learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cues, questions and advance organizers</li> <li>• Nonlinguistic representation</li> <li>• Summarizing and note taking</li> <li>• Cooperative learning</li> <li>• Reinforcing effort</li> </ul>
Which strategies will help students practice, review, and apply learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying similarities and differences</li> <li>• Homework and practice</li> <li>• Generating and testing hypotheses</li> </ul>

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Teachers who successfully implement the strategy of providing recognition positively influence their students' attitudes and beliefs about accomplishment. Keep in mind that praise is generally more effective than tangible rewards. Consider using the Pause, Prompt and Praise strategy regularly. Don't forget to pause and praise yourself for all your teaching efforts and, also, to recognize and praise your colleagues!

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## Role Models for Motivating Students with Significant Disabilities

by Angela Levorse  
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General educators spend time teaching students the importance of goal-setting by using role models as examples. Spending time telling stories about people who have set goals and made great contributions has been shown to be an effective way to increase motivation. People with disabilities can also be taught to set goals, be self-determined and be great contributors in their life-time. So, where are the role models of people with disabilities demonstrating what they are doing and inspiring students with stories of what can be done? Below is a list of people with disabilities who can be role models and provide motivation to your students.

Role Model	Where to Find Information
Mattie Stepanek, writer, philosopher	<a href="http://www.mattieonline.com">http://www.mattieonline.com</a>
Bradley Walker, Blue Grass singer	<a href="http://www.bradleywalker.com">http://www.bradleywalker.com</a>
Stephen Hawking, writer, teacher	<a href="http://www.hawking.org.uk">http://www.hawking.org.uk</a>
Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President	<a href="http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu">http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu</a> This site has wonderful video and audio resources about FDR. Including student resources such as the <i>The Roosevelt Rap</i> .
Greg Smith (is "America's Strength Coach")	<a href="http://www.thestrengthcoach.com">http://www.thestrengthcoach.com</a>
Arthur Campbell, Jr, Disability Activist	<a href="http://www.amdoc.org/projects/truelives/pg_if.html">http://www.amdoc.org/projects/truelives/pg_if.html</a> This site provides information, pictures and information about Arthur Campbell, Junior's video documentary.
Dan Keplinger, (King Gimp) Artist	<a href="http://www.hbo.com/kinggimp/bbs/index.html">http://www.hbo.com/kinggimp/bbs/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.kinggimp.com">http://www.kinggimp.com</a>
Dick and Rick Hoyt, "Team Hoyt"	<a href="http://teamhoyt.zrainmedia.com/videos/todays-heroes.htm">http://teamhoyt.zrainmedia.com/videos/todays-heroes.htm</a>
Hellen Keller, individual with dual-sensory impairments	Websites: <a href="http://www.afb.org/braillebug/hkindex.asp">http://www.afb.org/braillebug/hkindex.asp</a>  The Video: Famous Americans: Story of Helen Keller (1983) can also be purchased commercially.
Other Ideas: Contact local disabilities agencies for a list of people who may be interested in speaking to your students. Ask other teachers in your division for a list of older students who could speak to or mentor your students.	

## T-TAC Sponsored Workshops State & National Conferences



### Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD) International Forum

**Date and Time:** 2/8/2008 8:30 am ---- 2/9/2008 3:30 pm

**Description:** CCBD International Forum: The Literacy and Social Development Connection: Using Effective Instruction to Improve Outcomes for Children and Adolescents with Challenging Behavior will take place at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA. This Forum has been developed in response to the international concern for providing quality services that improve academic and social outcomes for a diverse population of children/youth with challenging behaviors. The Forum will focus on practical issues and solutions to promote positive educational outcomes and much more.

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### Assessment and Intervention Methodologies for Asperger's Syndrome and High Functioning Autism

**Date:** February 8, 2008

**Sponsor:** VA Beach Psychiatric Center

**Location:** 1100 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach

**Fee:** \$35.00

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### Promoting Functional Communication in Children with Autism: Addressing the Verbal Challenge

**Date:** February 7, 2008 Meet and Greet at 6:30- 8pm and February 8th, 2008 8:00- 4:00 pm

**Sponsor:** Tidewater Autism Society

**Location:** Virginia Beach Higher Education Center Old Dominion University, Virginia Beach

**Fee:** \$55.00

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### Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) Conference

**Date and Time:** 2/24/2008 3:30 pm ---- 2/26/2008 3:00 pm

**Description:** The VSTE Conference will take place at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Each Spring VSTE sponsors the only statewide technology conference in Virginia. Over 1,200 attendees are excited each year by cutting edge technology sessions and workshops. In two and a half days, you can select from over 100 concurrent sessions and 35 optional ticketed hands-on workshops. Visit the exhibitors and gather information on state of the art opportunities for education.

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### The STAR Autism Workshop

**Date and Time:** 3/3/2008 8:00 am ---- 3/4/2008 4:00 pm

**Description:** LEARN TO USE these evidence based ABA strategies in your school program: Discrete Trial Teaching Pivotal Response Training Teaching Functional Routines on March 3rd-4th 2008 Sheraton Richmond West Hotel 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 804-285-1234

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### SHAV-Speech-Language Hearing Association of VA Conference

**Date and Time:** 3/6/2008 8:00 am ---- 3/8/2008 4:00 am   **Location:** Portsmouth, VA  
**Description:** This is the state professional association for SLPs and Audiologists. National speakers, local sessions, and networking opportunities are included.  
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### Commonwealth Autism Services 7th Annual Autism Conference

**Date:** March 12-14, 2008  
**Sponsor:** Commonwealth Autism Services  
**Location:** Richmond, Crowne Plaza West  
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### Strategies for Supporting Individuals with Autism



**Date and Time:** 3/11/2008 9:00 am ---- 3/12/2008 4:00 pm  
**Description:** (This is a repeat of the workshops offered during 2006-2007) Strategies for Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) is a two-day workshop designed to introduce participants to effective strategies for supporting people who experience social, communication, and sensory issues related to ASD across the life span. Participants in this workshop should have a basic understanding of autism spectrum disorders and the characteristics of persons with autism and should be new to the field. This training will take place at the Holiday Inn Hampton Hotel and Conference Center in Hampton, VA.  
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### Virginia State Reading Association (VSRA) 41st Annual Conference

**Date and Time:** 3/13/2008 8:00 am ---- 3/15/2008 8:00 am  
**Description:** The VSRA Conference will take place at the Richmond Marriott Hotel and Greater Richmond Convention Center.  
**Visit:** [www.vusra.org/](http://www.vusra.org/)

### Creating Instructional Activities with the Preschool Brain in Mind



**Date and Time:** 3/13/2008 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
**Description:** In this workshop participants will explore the current research about the amazing brain, including what factors influence its growth and development and how the preschool brain learns best. Participants will be able to apply what they have learned by making materials for activities that promote brain growth.  
**Location:** Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA  
**Visit:** <http://www.ttac.odu.edu>

[Brochure and registration form](#)



### The Virginia Transition Forum 2008

**Date and Time:** 3/17/2008 8:00 am ---- 3/19/2008 1:00 pm

**Description:** The Virginia Transition Forum Committee welcomes you to our annual Forum! As we continue our work in Transition throughout the Commonwealth, we acknowledge the need for continued information sharing, education and collaboration. We will continue to use our creativity and resources to address the multiple issues facing our youth and young adults with disabilities to enhance their opportunities for community inclusion, education, employment, and transition to adult life. We look forward to seeing you at the Hotel Roanoke.

**Visit:** [www.virginiatransitionforum.org](http://www.virginiatransitionforum.org)

### 5th International Conference on Positive Behavior Supports

**Date and Time:** 3/26/2008 5:00 pm ---- 3/29/2007 4:30 pm

**Description:** Expanding the World of PBS: Science, Values and Vision with Keynote Speaker Glen Dunlap who is a research professor at the University of South Florida. This conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago.

**Fee:** Early bird registration before 1/5 is \$125. Regular registration before 2/24 is \$175. Half day on 3/26. Full day starting at 7am-7pm on 3/27, 28 & 29.

**Visit:** [conference.apbs.org/default.html](http://conference.apbs.org/default.html)

### Building Social Relationships: A Systematic Social Skills Teaching Approach

**Date and Time:** 4/18/2008 8:30 am ---- 4/18/2008 4:30 pm

**Description:** On April 18 in Fredericksburg, VA, Scott Bellini, Ph.D., will present a systematic approach to teaching social skills to children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders. A five-step comprehensive model will be presented including assessment and social skill instruction strategies.

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### Language to Children with Autism or Other Developmental Disabilities (April 21st)

#### Introduction to The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills- revised ( ABLLS-R) (April 22nd)

**Date and Time:** 4/21/2008 8:00 - 4:30 and 4/22/2008 8:00 - 4:30

**Location:** Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center

**Fee:** \$125.00 each day or \$250.00 for both days. Material costs extra

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### The Virginia Institute of Autism Workshop



**Date and Time:** 4/21/2008 9:00 am ---- 4/23/2008 5:00 pm

**Description:** The Virginia Institute of Autism Workshop. Shaping the Future: An Introduction to the Principles and Applications of Applied Behavior Analysis will take place in Charlottesville, VA. The three-day workshop is designed for professionals and parents working with students with autism. Topics covered include an introduction to reinforcement, behavior shaping, prompting methods, teaching strategies, and data collection. The workshop also includes extensive opportunities for direct observation and discussion.

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### 5th Annual Understanding the Spectrum and the Strategies that Work Conference

**Date and Time:** 4/28/2008 8:00 am ---- 4/28/2008 4:00 am

**Description:** "Demystifying Autism", a one day workshop presented by Bill Stillman, is designed to guide participants toward a greater understanding and a heightened awareness of those who have an autism spectrum experience--- from a purely non-clinical, anecdotal perspective-- based upon what people are telling us about their experience. The discussion lays the foundation of best practice approaches by presenting an overview of our collective differences and similarities in communication, social interaction, sensory, learning, and movement. A short film puts images to these philosophies, and provides further testimony from people who speak to their autistic experience. Participants will also experience two autism simulation exercises and will leave the day with seven golden rules of autism.

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### Sixth Annual Conference of the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia

**Date:** April 30 and May 1

**Location:** Hotel Roanoke

**Contact:** Infant Toddler Connection of Virginia

**Visit:** <http://www.infantva.org/CalendarDetails.asp?MeetingId=451>

[View the Conference brochure](#)

### 2008 Content Teaching Academies

**Date and Time:** 6/23/2008 8:30 am ---- 6/27/2008 12:00 pm      **Location:** James Madison University

**Description:** The goal of the Content Teaching Academies is to provide high quality professional programs for the educators of Virginia by offering in-depth studies in a range of content areas and pedagogical emphases that engage participants in critical dialogues of practice. Fifteen academies will be offered in 2008. Keynote speakers are Gary Marx and Rachel McAnallen.

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### Shining Stars Conference for Early Childhood Special Educators



**Dates:** 7/14-16/2008

**Location:** Virginia Beach, VA

Watch for registration information on TTAC Online: [www.ttaconline.org](http://www.ttaconline.org)

[View the Shining Stars brochure](#)

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### Pathways to Possibilities

**Description:** A combined conference for Educational professionals, Related Service Providers, Parents and Family members who work and/or live with students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Low Vision, Deaf-Blind, Dual Sensory Impaired and/or have Multiple Disabilities.

**Date and Time:** 8/13-15/2008

**Location:** Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel

**Visit:** [www.vcu.edu/partnership/Pathways/](http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/Pathways/)

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### You're Going to Love this Kid": Educating Students with Autism in Inclusive Schools

**Date and Time:** 7/22/08 8:00-4:00

**Location:** Richmond, Virginia

**Visit:** [www.autismva.org/documents/PaulaKluthBrochure1.pdf](http://www.autismva.org/documents/PaulaKluthBrochure1.pdf)