After an incident, it is essential that you debrief as a staff team but also with the participant. Crisis, Prevention, and Intervention (CPI) training uses the COPING Model as a tool that can help you through the debriefing process. Behavior for participant and staff cannot change without intentional discussions.

COPING with the Participant	COPING with your Staff Team
<ul> <li>Control</li> <li>Is the participant under control of their emotions and reactions?</li> <li>Are they ready to talk about the incident?</li> <li>If so, they are ready to talk.</li> <li>This can take minutes, hours, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Control</li> <li>Are the staff in control of their emotions?</li> <li>Are the staff ready to talk about the incident objectively?</li> <li>If not, you can have the write a log describing the incident from their point of view. Then debrief if the next day.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Orient</li> <li>Ask them what happened from their point of view, do not provide your input, this is their time to talk.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Orient</li> <li>Ask them what happened from their point of view.</li> <li>What are the facts? Redirect if opinions get voiced.</li> <li>Let everyone talk</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Patterns</li> <li>Review previous ABC charts and log this incident.</li> <li>Are there triggers? Signs? Same behavior in same situations?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patterns</li> <li>How do staff respond when the behavior happens?</li> <li>Avoid placing blame, be non-judgmental and impartial.</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Investigate</li><li>What are trends and patterns?</li><li>Investigate other alternatives for behavior</li></ul>	<ul><li>Investigate</li><li>What could we do to improve our response?</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Negotiate</li> <li>Go through a Behavior Agreement verbal or written.</li> <li>Determine appropriate consequences for behavior.</li> <li>Make agreements about future responses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Negotiate</li> <li>Come up with a plan for consistency in the future.</li> <li>Make agreements as a team about how you are going to respond.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Give</li> <li>Give support to the participant – "I know you can do this" and "we want you to be here".</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Give</li> <li>Give support to each other.</li> <li>Provide accolades – what you each do well.</li> <li>Remember that we are a team.</li> </ul>

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