



## What are the Teaching Tools?

**Creating Teaching Tools for Young Children with Challenging Behavior** is a **FREE** product developed by the Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children (TACSEI) that gives teachers practical strategies, developed from TACSEI’s research activities and experiences in Positive Behavior Support, to create a plan to support young children who are having challenging behavior.

The Teaching Tools provide:

- (1) easily accessible ideas and materials such as handouts, worksheets, techniques, strategies, and visuals to support children in the classroom and other learning environments
- (2) ideas of effective intervention approaches for children who do not need a functional assessment to determine the function of the child’s problem behavior or a team-based process to address persistent challenging behavior.

### ▶ How are the Teaching Tools Organized?

The Teaching Tools are organized around the **User’s Manual** which explains how to use the tools and provides all of the technical information you need to access the hyperlinked visual supports and materials. Also included within the Teaching Tools is the **Routine Based Support Guide**. The Guide is a document that accompanies all of the tools and is organized in routines and activities that typically occur in early childhood programs. It assists teachers in developing a support plan.

### ▶ How Can I Get the Teaching Tools?

The Teaching Tools were originally created to be distributed on a CD. However, the contents of the CD are now available for download as a "zip" file from our website at [www.challengingbehavior.org](http://www.challengingbehavior.org). This means that you can download the User’s Manual, Routine Based Support Guide and all the accompanying handouts, visuals and other materials that are organized in a series of nine folders in one convenient package. Simply go to the website, click on “Browse Resources” then “Tools” to find the Teaching Tools, then follow the download instructions.

## Examples of Materials you will find in the Teaching Tools

- ◆ The **Visual Strategies folder** includes visual schedules, choice boards, cue cards, and activity sequences. A variety of pictured examples are provided to help teachers develop their own visual supports.
- ◆ The **Feeling Vocabulary folder** contains an article about appropriately expressing feelings, visuals depicting a variety of emotions, a feeling wheel, and a feeling chart.
- ◆ The **Home Strategies folder** helps link home and school and, among other materials, includes a questionnaire that offers critical information about the child and a scripted story which is provided to help children with first time transitions to school.

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