Building Blocks for Successful Prevention and Intervention Strategies

1) Watch/observe child/adult behavior and “way of doing” things. Identify strengths and skills that can be applied and used to address the particular needs of the situation.

2) Understand behavior as communication.

3) Remember to “show” rather than tell.

4) Understand the need for structure and a calm environment.

5) Understand the need for consistency.

6) Create positive behavioral maps – showing/labeling what is being done “right.”

7) Understand ramifications of concrete processing.

8) Beware of “ceilings” of expectation and “never statements.

9) Assist in generalization.