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Hand biting

Typical A-B-C of challenging behavior

DSP busy with another person/Hand biting/Staff reminders not to bite & inspects hand

Potential reinforcement that maintains challenging behavior

Positive reinforcement in the form of gaining attention

Hypothesized function of challenging behavior

Joseph bites his hand to get attention

Replacement behavior

Pressing voice switch that says "I need you"

Reinforcement for replacement behavior that will serve the same function

DSP will enthusiastically praise Joseph for telling them he needs them and spend a minute or two attending to Joseph.

Teaching program for replacement behavior

DSP will tell Joseph that they will be doing an activity (e.g. reading a book) and if he wants them he should use the switch and they will come over. Model switch use as needed initially, generalize to others after Joseph masters switch use with DSP.

New response to challenging behavior

Hand biting will be ignored or neutrally blocked. Any attention will be minimal and restricted to a reminder to use the switch if Joseph wants attention.