

Verbal Behavior:
A Necessary Component of Behavioral Intervention
for Children and Adults with Severe Disabilities
and Limited Skill Repertoires

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Many professors who teach courses in applied behavior analysis, have themselves received little or no instruction in B. F. Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior. As a result, their students become practitioners with little awareness of the importance of this analysis and few skills with respect to its application.

Dr. McGreevy will describe the necessity of this analysis with respect to the instruction of children and adults with severe disabilities and limited skill repertoires. He will also describe the extent to which the Essential Eight Skills in *Essential for Living* and corresponding teaching guidelines are based on this analysis.