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### Abstract

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### **Behavior Chain. ABE**

What was the problem behavior? (What did you earn consequences for?)

I went downstairs at foster home during the night and stole food with the food labeled MOM.

Vulnerability factors— Why did it happen today?

I went to bed already and my stomick was gralling . I just didn't want to hear my stomick gralling.

Trigger — what happened that you that started you on the road to problem behavior?

My stomick was gralling so much I just wanted it to stop.

The trigger made me feel?

Mad, upset and outrage. And hungry.

The trigger made me think?

I thot eat and it will stop gralling!

This made you want to (urge)?

It made me want to eat.

What you did (action)?

I went downstairs and stoll food that wasnt my own.

How did others respond around you?

My foster mom was mad!

Their response made me feel? And it made me think? and made me want to? and it made me do?

bad. I'm a bad boy. cry. go to bed and cry.

What were the positive results of our behavior?

I wasn't hungry any more.

What were the negative results of your behavior?

I got a Behavior Chain.

### **My Triggers**

Other kids

Sad feelins

School bells

Kids that lie  
Staff that lie  
Home visits  
Tunafish sandwiches  
Parents fitting  
Loseing at 4 sqwuare  
Kids that cheet  
Late meds  
Home work to hard  
Sister taddle tailin  
Mom yelling  
Dad is dronk  
Crismas songs  
Stuff i don understan  
Heering NO  
Wen kids copy me  
Angur problims  
Meen peeple  
Siens teacher  
Spicey food  
Wheet bred  
White cheez  
Cold soop  
When I loose home viset  
Kids tushing my stuff  
Bio Mom dad fergity my berthday  
When classroom door is left open  
Sad endings  
When is not fare

-ABE

### **Abraham's Special Programs**

| **Kyle**

**Hygiene:** Abe has designated bathroom times every hour and a half (should be marked on Bathroom Log). Earns an Endangering for hiding wet sheets or soiled clothing. Endangering for fecal smearing. Extra half hour of video games if he turns in wet/soiled sheets/clothing right away.

**Interaction:** If Abe goes a whole day without negative peer bonding, he earns an extra sugar snack on the weekend.

**Anger Management:** Every time Abe identifies a Trigger and effectively uses a Coping Skill he earns a gold star. For every gold star, he gets to buy a song online to add to his Coping Skills playlist.

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