A stressful event occurs – ACTIVATES student's irrational thoughts and beliefs

Student's negative thoughts **TRIGGER** feelings

Student's feelings DRIVE inappropriate behavior

Inappropriate behavior INCITES adults

Adults pick up student's feelings and MIRROR those inappropriate behaviors

Negative adult REACTIONS increase student's escalating stress

Student may lose "battle" but the war is won: SELF FULFILLING **PROPHECY** (irrational belief) is reinforced