# Collaborative Problem Solving® (CPS)

## Introduction to CPS

Help for adults addressing chronic challenging behaviors

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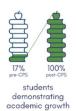
The Collaborative Problem Solving®(CPS) approach is owned and developed by Think:Kids(T:K) (www.thinkkids.org), a program based in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital(MGH) in Boston, MA. Those CPS Certified receive ongoing supervision from T:K and are independent of MGH

- Learn about the Collaborative Problem Solving<sup>®</sup>(CPS)
  approach and trauma-informed ways to reduce adult | child
  conflict.
- Understand what really causes challenging behavior or unmet expectation in others.
- Develop your behavioral growth mindset towards discipline that is accurate, compassionate and effective
- Learn three ways to respond to unwanted behavior and the best times to use them.
- Learn a new understanding of challenging behavior & ways to help children, adolescents & young adults.
- Rethink conventional approaches to behavioral difficulties and strengthen relationships, in the long term, with less work.



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reduction in oppositional behaviors at school



change in sending students out of class for discipline



increase in studen

## The CPS Approach

The Collaborative Problem Solving® approach is an evidence-based method to managing challenging behavior that promotes the understanding that **challenging kids lack the skill - not the will - to behave**; specifically, skills related to problem-solving, flexibility and frustration tolerance.

Unlike traditional models of discipline, the CPS approach avoids the use of power, control and motivational procedures and instead focuses on collaborating with the child | youth | young adult to solve the problems leading to challenging behavior and building the skills they need to succeed.