Supporting Community Success Through Positive Supports

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**THE PURPOSE OF THIS SESSION** is to share with self-advocates and allies the tenants of Positive Behavioral Support, emphasizing that rather than merely trying to get people with disabilities to stop demonstrating challenging behavior, we should work instead to understand and honor the message of behavioral communication. We will explore the premise that improving and enriching a person’s environment based on their wants and needs is a powerful way to increase community engagement and success.

**PARTICIPANTS** will increase their awareness that challenging behavior is a form of communication, and the role of context and environment in shaping behavior. Participants will envision strategies to increase engagement, decrease challenging behavior, and impact community success for people with disabilities.