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While the final product had a significantly rocky start, it has gotten better. Now that I have an actual final product and have begun to work on it, I am much calmer about all of it. While there still is some stress of successfully completing the product, I have also begun to calm down in that area as well. Realizing how many people are willing to help and are excited for it, shows me how it can succeed.

When I first set all my due dates, I set them in March and the beginning of April, thinking that I would do the parent training at the end of April. After talking to Mrs. Kugler, her and I both realized that a better month is May for the training. With this date moved back, I also moved back my other due dates so that I could create better pieces to my parent training. I want to be able to spend as much time as I need to complete the presentation, child care plan, handout, flier, etc., to make sure everything looks and works perfectly, in order to ensure success at the parent training. I especially wanted more time for research because I want the presentation to be the best it can be. While my calendar was stressful before, the due dates being moved back helps a lot with stress. Having more time on each thing, helps to ensure that it will as amazing as possible.

I was worried about getting the place and date set so soon, because it is hard to convince a building to allow a teenager to use it for an event they want to have. Mrs. Kugler was helpful here, she reserved the ECS for me, which helps me to have an adult involved to show that this is a serious event. Another success I have is ideas for childcare. I have a list of people that I trust and can ask to come to watch the children. This is exciting because I was also worried that this would not work. While I have successes, I also have struggles in this journey. The main area that has been hard is the research. Since applied behavior analysis therapy is a newer field, it is hard to find reliable sources that have different information than the other sources. I have used a book my mentor allowed me to borrow and it has been helpful, but I want multiple sources. I will need to

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find more resources, especially ones that explain the principles of applied behavior analysis therapy. The other with which I am struggling is finding someone to video it for me. I have a few ideas of people, but I do not know if they will have the time to do it, or if they will be willing to do it.

Looking at all the successes and struggles that have occurred, I am still decently happy with how the product is coming along. I feel as though I need to work more on the research aspect. I have made a lot of progress on the logistics of scheduling the parent training and having all the pieces and parts for it to happen. The part that I have not worked on is the research and information part of the training, which is the most important part of the training. That is the one area in which I have concerns regarding the training, everything else, I feel, is succeeding.

While things are succeeding, there is still more that I need to do. The main thing that still needs to be done is the research. The research will be needed for the presentation and the handout I will give to parents at the training. Another step I need to do is securing a board of professionals. This I will begin to do as soon as the date and time are confirmed, that way I am able to give them a set date and time for them to know positively, whether or not they will be able to attend the training. I am also waiting for the date and time in order to create the flier to hand out in order to spread the word. I also need the professionals for the flier so that I can add them on to it. Then the other things will be done the day of the training, such as setting up and conducting the training.

My mentor has helped a lot in the beginning, with coming up with the final product. She was significantly helpful and wanted to make sure I was doing something that would help me in my learning of the field. I will use her help more when I am creating the presentation and the flier and the handout. She will be useful in making sure that I have relevant information and that I am not using unreliable resources or bad information. She

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will also be helpful in deciding what information is necessary in the presentations for the parent training.

Looking at everything that is done, and still needs to be done, I am happy with how the training is looking to be. I was concerned in the beginning that the training would not succeed at all. However, talking to Mrs. Kugler and my mentor, I have begun to calm down about that concern a lot. I now see how much I can spread the words in so many different ways, which will help with the success. The only thing I am concerned about regarding the how the training will be is the presentation. The struggle with research is scaring me that I will not be able to get all the information necessary for the presentation. Overall, I am proud of how far I have come in the process of my product. I am also ready to work on the areas that need help and are struggles.