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This facilitator's module, part of the staff training for the "Rural America Series," presents the means for setting the keystone of successful program development, i.e., the establishment of appropriate, concrete, and measurable objectives. A distinction is made between behavioral (student) objectives and program objectives, and participants should be able to conceptualize appropriate objectives for a variety of situations. During the approximately 2-hour training session, participants are asked to write down their ideas of the meaning of a general goal statement. A brainstorming session with active participant involvement is suggested to reveal that goals and subgoals, while important, do convey different meanings to different people and must be further defined. A brief description of the "Rural America Series" and the role that behavioral and program objectives play in the series are presented. Other activities recommended for this session are an in-depth presentation on behavioral and program objectives using audience participation, small groups which develop and critique behavioral objectives and develop program objectives, and a summary period providing a short wrap-up of the module and showing how the development of objectives leads to other considerations such as cost, time, and resource requirements. (NEC)

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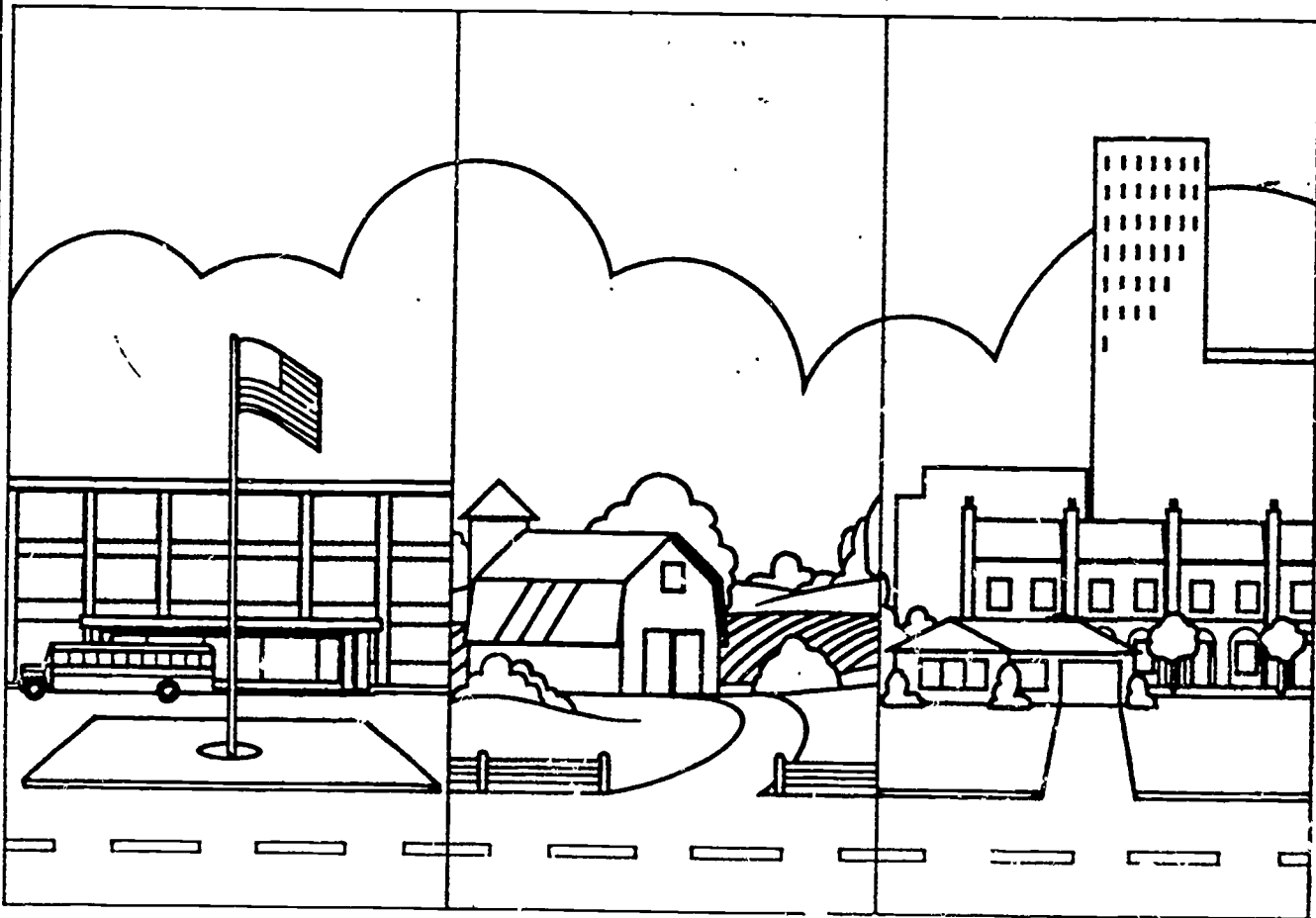
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## FOREWORD

The National Center for Research in Vocational Education has been actively developing materials for the special guidance program needs of rural and small schools since 1975. During the ensuing period, a 16 volume set of career guidance program materials for rural and small schools entitled the *Rural America Series* was produced. The development and original production were funded by the U.S. Office of Education, Bureau of Occupational and Adult Education, Part "C," Vocational Education Act of 1963 as amended Research Legislation. Since its completion, the *Rural America Series* has enjoyed widespread national distribution with over 1,200 sets now in the field. In 1976-1978 the National Center in conjunction with Northern Michigan University was funded to test the planning process contained in the Series and to develop several supplemental materials.

One such supplement is the *Facilitator's Guide to Staff Training for the Rural America Series*. It consists of 18 separate modules of which this document is one. The *Guide* is designed to assist state department of education personnel, guidance supervisors, and guidance counselors in training others to understand and utilize the *Rural America Series*. Each module of the *Guide* may be used independently or collectively in staff development activities. All parts of the *Guide* have been thoroughly tested in state-wide workshops sponsored by the states of Florida, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and the territory of American Samoa. Each workshop was carefully evaluated and suggestions from workshop participants were used to modify and improve the *Guide*.

This module, "Behavioral and Program Objectives," presents the means for setting the keystone of successful program development, i.e., the establishment of appropriate, concrete, and measurable objectives. A distinction is made between behavioral (student) objectives and program objectives and participants should be able to conceptualize appropriate objectives for a variety of situations. This module along with the others in the *Guide* should do much to promote staff development for counselors and educators in meeting students' needs.

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## MODULE IV: BEHAVIORAL AND PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

### Module Overview

#### Instructional Time

Approximately 2 hours

#### Module Description

Initially, participants are asked to write down their idea of the meaning of a general goal statement. A brainstorming session with active participant involvement reveals that goals and subgoals, while important, do convey different meanings to different people and must be further defined. A brief description of the *Rural America Series* and the role that behavioral and program objectives play in the series follow. An in-depth presentation on behavioral and program objectives then takes place, using audience participation. Following this activity, participants are divided into small groups to develop and critique behavioral objectives and to develop program objectives. The summary includes a short wrap-up of the module and shows how the development of objectives leads to other considerations such as cost, time and resource requirements.

#### Goals and Objectives

Participants will:

Goal 1 Gain understanding of behavioral and program objectives.

Objective 1.1 Know the relationship between goals, subgoals and behavioral objectives.

Objective 1.2 Be able to identify the component parts of objectives.

Objective 1.3 Be able to compare and differentiate behavioral and program objectives.

Goal 2 Develop skills in generating and critiquing objectives.

Objective 2.1 Write behavioral and program objectives that contain the component parts of an objective.

Objective 2.2 Critique sample behavioral objectives as developed by workshop participants in accord with criteria supplied for this purpose.

#### Agenda

10 minutes Introduction Presentation

10 minutes The *Rural America Series*— Presentation  
How Do Objectives Fit In?

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20 minutes	Why Objectives?	Large Group (Brainstorming and Presentation)	IV-7
25 minutes	The ABC and D's of Behavioral and Program Objectives	Presentation (With Active Participant Involvement)	IV-11
35-40 minutes	Behavioral and Program Objectives—Try Your Hand	Small Group Work Session	IV-17
10 minutes	Module Summary	Presentation	IV-19

### Module Evaluation

One way this module can be evaluated is to collect samples of objectives written by participants to ascertain the degree to which they contain the component parts of behavioral and program objectives. Along with this method, participant responses to the questionnaire included in this module could be obtained and analyzed if this module is used independently of other modules. If not, the questionnaire included in Appendix A is recommended for use.

Another way to evaluate this module is to develop a brief quiz consisting of incorrect behavioral and program objectives. Participants would be asked to identify incorrect parts. The standard of performance could be 70 percent of the participants responding correctly 70 percent of the time. This standard is perhaps low but participants would not have enough time to fully develop their skills relative to the two types of objectives.

### Relationship to the *Rural America Series*

See chart on the next page.

## THE RURAL AMERICA SERIES (HANDBOOKS)

### PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

#### Support Information

#### Planning Process

State of the Art

Planning and Implementation

Model

Needs Assessment

Career Guidance Resources

**Behavioral Objectives (Module IV)**

Resource Assessment

**Evaluation (Module IV)**

### PROBLEM RESOLUTION

#### Career Guidance & Counseling Strategies

#### Support Functions

#### Supplemental Areas

Career Counseling

Staff Development

Facilitator's Guide

Desk Reference

Community Relations and Involvement

Cooperative Agreements

Individualized Counseling and Placement

Community Perspectives

Case Studies

Transitional Career Placement

Career Guidance Practices

The boxes on the above chart represent the 19 handbooks of the *Rural America Series*. In this module, "Behavioral and Program Objectives," the behavioral objectives handbook and part of the evaluation handbook highlighted on the chart, will be covered. Behavioral and program objectives are essential elements of the planning process which define outcomes or end points in student terms and major steps in planning, respectively. Behavioral objectives must be specified before meaningful decisions about programs options can be made. Program objectives represent the major milestones or events that occur during program development, implementation and evaluation.

**ACTIVITY TITLE:**

The *Rural America Series*—How Do Objectives Fit In?

**DURATION:**

10 minutes

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
<p><b>A. The Rural America Series—Up to Now!</b></p> <div data-bbox="193 523 1007 612" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Show the transparency entitled "The Rural America Series," p. IV-</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emphasize the two basic phases shown on the chart—Problem Identification and Problem Resolution.</li> <li>2. Mention that the far left side of the chart (<i>The State of the Art, The Life Role Development Model</i> and, to some degree, <i>Career Guidance Resources</i>) provides both a description of rural career development as it currently exists, and a theoretical model for its further development.</li> <li>3. Note that handbooks help us get a better feel for the <i>need</i> for a career guidance program.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. The Rural America Series—Going Forward!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain that this module deals with part of the planning process.</li> <li>2. Indicate that by this point the following activities should have occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection and organization of a group to assist in the planning process.</li> <li>• Statement of goals and subgoals.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <div data-bbox="185 1476 1002 1536" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Show the transparency "Goal and Sample Subgoals," p. IV-31.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranked goals and subgoals in terms of importance.</li> <li>• Assessed need in terms of student achievement.</li> <li>• Developed a ranked listing of needs</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. State that with a detailed understanding of local needs one can now develop student behavioral objectives.</li> </ol>	<p>See Modules I and III with an emphasis on Module III, <i>Needs Assessment</i></p> <p>See Module III</p> <p>See Module III</p>

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
<p>4. Mention that behavioral objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Statements that define end points or outcomes in more detail than goals.</li> <li>● Statements that clearly spell out the behavior to be performed.</li> <li>● Statements that are the essential building blocks of program development.</li> </ul> <p>5. Indicate that this module deals with program objectives along with <i>behavioral</i> objectives.</p> <p>6. Mention that program objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Are another type of objective that is often overlooked in program planning</li> <li>● Are an extremely valuable planning tool for program development.</li> <li>● Will be explained in detail later.</li> </ul>	

**ACTIVITY TITLE:**

Why Objectives?

**DURATION:**

20 minutes

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
<p><b>A. Goals—Note that in education there are numerous sets of commonly accepted goals. Examples are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Seven Cardinal Principals of Education</i> (1918)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health</li><li>• Command of the fundamental processes</li><li>• Worthy home membership</li><li>• Vocational efficiency</li><li>• Citizenship</li><li>• Worthy use of leisure time</li><li>• Ethical character</li></ul></li><li>2. <b>Statewide Goal Systems</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtually all states have sets of goals that are accepted as general guideposts of the educational system.</li><li>• Pennsylvania has statewide goals that have been used in the Pennsylvania Quality Assessment Program.</li><li>• The goals used in the Delaware Educational Accountability System (this system, which required a complete updating/revising of Delaware's educational goals, was completed in the early 1970s.)</li></ul></li><li>3. <b>National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This program consists of national measurements of the educational levels of 9 year olds, 13 year olds, 17 year olds, and adults.</li><li>• All tests used in the program are representative of a broad set of educational goals that would be accepted by many educators and the general public.</li></ul></li></ol>	

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<p><b>B. Goals Aren't Enough</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct the following activity which explores the fact that goals alone are not sufficient.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Ask participants to use scrap paper for this activity.</p> <p>Place the following goal on the chalkboard (Note: You may substitute another goal of your own choice).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOAL STATEMENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each student should acquire a mastery of the basic skills required for obtaining and expressing ideas through effective use of numbers.</p> <p>Divide the participants into small groups and assign each group the role of elementary teachers, secondary teachers (junior and senior high) or university instructors.</p> <p>Have participants, in their assigned roles, write down what they might expect their students to know or be able to do as a result of the above goal statement.</p> <p>After a few minutes ask each group to report its responses. List responses on the chalkboard. Then ask participants to show by raising their hands how many had similar ideas. Record the number beside each idea. Note the difference in responses according to grade level.</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Point out that goals (and even subgoals such as the ones described in the <i>Life Role Development Model</i>) simply are not specific enough.</li> <li>3. Note that the goal just worked with led to many different interpretations. For any one goal (or subgoal) many objectives at a variety of age and grade levels can be written.</li> <li>4. Note also that the goal did give many people the same general idea.</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Goals—Their Value!</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Goals provide a general guideline for our thinking.</li> <li>2. Goals give us a place from which to start.</li> <li>3. Goals help to focus our thinking.</li> </ol>	<p>See Module I</p>

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<b>D. Goals—Their Limitations!</b>	
1. Goals can lead to alternative interpretations as indicated on the transparency by the elementary teacher's interpretation and the professor's interpretation. (Emphasize the difference.)	
Show the transparency "Goals Require Specifications, p. IV-32.	
2. Goals do not really define behavior clearly. 3. Goals are not grade, age, or developmental level specific. 4. To be fully useful, goals must be specified in greater detail.	

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**ACTIVITY TITLE:**

The ABC and D's of Behavioral and Program Objectives

**DURATION:**

25 minutes

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<p><b>A. Organizing to Get the Job Done</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Objectives (both behavioral and program) are usually developed by a planning committee.</li> <li>2. Committee members complete activities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generating draft behavioral objectives.</li> <li>• Objectively critiquing objectives—this might be called looking for <i>misbehavioral objectives</i>.</li> <li>• Revising/rewriting behavioral objectives.</li> <li>• Generating, reviewing and revising program objectives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Committee members should be selected on the basis of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest</li> <li>• Commitment</li> <li>• Availability</li> <li>• Writing ability</li> <li>• Creativity</li> <li>• Understanding of objectives</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>B. Goal Specification → Behavioral Objectives</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Show the transparency "Goal Specification → Behavioral Objectives," p. IV-33.</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the <i>Rural America Series</i>, 26 goals in three domain areas (Self and Interpersonal Relations, Career Planning and Decision Making, and Life Role Assumption) have been developed.</li> <li>2. For each goal, numerous subgoals have also been developed. (See above references.)</li> </ol>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 100px;">pp. 29-54, <i>Life Role Development Model</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 100px;">pp. 12-17, <i>Career Development Needs Assessment</i></p>

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3. But as the transparency indicates, there is a need to delineate the goals and subgoals (increase their specificity) with behavioral objectives.
- Objectives have four parts as shown by the letters A, B, C, and D.
  - Also note that the behavior part of an objective will be in the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor areas. (Mention to participants that most of them are probably familiar with these terms.)

Show the transparency "Goal → Subgoal → Behavioral Objective," p. IV-34.

- Briefly explain the transparency.

4. The four elements of a behavioral objective:

Show the transparency entitled "The ABC and D's," p. IV-35.

- The **A** part of the objective is the individual (*actor*) who is to perform the expected behavior. The student is the actor in most cases.
- The **B** is the measurable *behavior* to be performed. Some words serve to better describe behavior than others.
  - Listed below are some desirable and undesirable words for describing behavior as prepared by Mager. (Mager, R. F., *Preparing Instructional Objectives*, Palo Alto, California: Fearon Publishers, 1962.)

pp. 3-4, *Behavioral Objectives*

pp. 18-20

pp. 21-24

<b>Desirable and Undesirable Action Words</b>	
<b>UNDESIRABLE</b> (Words open to "Many" interpretations)	<b>DESIRABLE</b> (Words open to "Fewer" interpretations)
To know	To recall
To understand	To illustrate
To really understand	To identify
To appreciate	To name
To fully appreciate	To demonstrate
To grasp the significance of	To construct
To enjoy	To change
To believe	To compare
To trust	To order

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Mention several of the undesirable words to participants.</li> <li>– Ask participants for their ideas as to what "to really understand," or "to grasp the significance of" mean.</li> <li>– Describe a few of the more "desirable" verbs.</li> <li>– Note that the desirable verbs are open to fewer interpretations.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The C stands for the <i>conditions</i> which are needed for the behavior to be demonstrated. Examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Things such as lists that the student must have to accomplish a task.</li> <li>– The length of time that instruction should last prior to the demonstration of behavior.</li> <li>– Situations a student is placed in such as a simulated job interview.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The D refers to <i>degree of success</i>, that is, the standard by which the successful achievement of the objective is judged. Examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Percentage of accuracy.</li> <li>– Adequacy of product or performance as judged by a teacher or counselor.</li> <li>– Minimum acceptable test score.</li> <li>– Listing of what must be included in a response (or set of responses) for it to be considered correct.</li> <li>– Stating standards in comparison to existing normative data.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>6. Identifying parts of a behavioral objective.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Refer participants to the handout entitled, "Behavioral Objectives—What's Wrong?" p. IV-22.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ask participants to complete the handout by identifying any missing parts.</li> <li>● Call for the answers after they have had a few minutes to work on the handout.</li> <li>● Discuss answers provided below very briefly.</li> </ul> <p><b>BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES—WHAT'S WRONG?</b></p> <p><b>Directions:</b> If a component part of a behavioral objective is missing from each of the following statements, identify it on the line to the left of the statement. If nothing is missing place a ✓ on the line.</p>	<p>pp. 26-33, <i>Behavioral Objectives</i></p>

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STATEMENT	PART MISSING	
Given a series of five occupational clusters, students will list from memory two occupations that are in each cluster. ( <i>Implied degree of success</i> )	✓	
Given a list of references, students will know the appropriate sources for finding job openings.	Behavior not really specified	
Given job application forms, the student will fill them out correctly. ( <i>Implied degree of success</i> )	✓	
Students will list school courses and community experiences that relate to the occupations. The list will be reviewed by a counselor.	Conditions	
Given a list of 10 sources, students will identify those sources in which salary information can be found.	Degree of success	
<p>An option would be to select a list of completed objectives from the <i>Behavioral Objectives</i> handbook and ask participants to identify their component parts.</p>		
<p><b>C. How About Program Objectives? (What Are They?)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do not become confused with the terminology related to objectives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Behavioral objectives</i> are frequently referred to by different names, e.g.— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Terminal objectives</li> <li>— Performance objectives</li> <li>— Instructional objectives</li> <li>— End-product objectives</li> </ul> </li> <li>● In most educational programs, behavioral objectives refer to learners (students) performing observable, measurable behaviors.</li> <li>● Usually that behavior is demonstrated at the end of a program, semester, treatment, etc.</li> <li>● The behavior represents what a learner can do as a result of the program.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <i>Program objectives</i> serve a different purpose than behavioral objectives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program objectives really refer to major steps or events in the planning process.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program objectives indicate key events, i.e., events that must occur in order for a project or program to be successful.</li> <li>● Program objectives make it possible for students to achieve behavioral objectives.</li> </ul> <p>3. Examples of program objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program objectives are derived from program goals, which are general statements of what is to be accomplished in the program. Some examples of program goals are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— To assess the career development needs of students.</li> <li>— To develop behavioral objectives that reflect the career development needs of youth in order to guide the development of career guidance activities.</li> <li>— To assess resources available in the community and surrounding area.</li> <li>— To provide the inservice training necessary to implement the districts' career guidance program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>See Appendices A2, A3, A4, A5, A7, A8, A9, A10, A11 in <i>Deciding Via Evaluation</i></p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Show the transparency "Program Goals/Objectives," p. IV-36.</p> </div>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss the overhead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Program goals imply numerous program objectives.</li> <li>— For any one program goal you would generally develop only a limited number of program objectives (remember they represent the major or key steps in the planning process).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>4. Do not become confused when comparing program and behavioral objectives.</p>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Show the transparency, "ABC and D's of Objectives," p. IV-37.</p> </div>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stress similarities and differences of the two types of objectives.</li> <li>● Program objectives do not generally reflect learning.</li> <li>● The actor(s) in a program objective is (are) usually a teacher or program administrator, not a student.</li> <li>● Program objectives are important. If they are developed across all major program areas, they help you to schedule major events and see the interrelationship of those events.</li> </ul>	

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
<p>5. Closing notes on developing program objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The planning committee as described earlier (see behavioral objectives discussion) should be involved in the development of program objectives.</li> <li>● Planning committee members could <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– draft program objectives</li> <li>– critique program objectives</li> <li>– produce final program objectives</li> </ul> </li> <li>● By having planning committee members involved in this type of endeavor, a deeper commitment to the overall program can be developed.</li> </ul>	

**ACTIVITY TITLE:**

Developing Objectives—Try Your Hand

**DURATION:**

35-40 minutes

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
<p><b>A. Explanation of the Activity</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An opportunity for participants to develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Objectives</li> <li>• Program Objectives</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. An opportunity to critique behavioral objectives developed by others.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Organizing the Activity</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Divide the participants into small groups of five or less individuals.</p> <p>Appoint one person as a group leader to help coordinate the group.</p> <p>Explain that each person is asked to generate at least two behavioral objectives and two program objectives.</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two handouts designed for the above purposes are to be used, "Generating Behavioral Objectives" and "Generating Program Objectives," p. IV-23 and p. IV-24 respectively.</li> <li>2. Have participants follow the suggested procedures for this laboratory session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generate behavioral objectives</li> <li>• Critique those objectives using the handout entitled "Criteria for Objectives," p. IV-25.</li> <li>• Develop program objectives</li> <li>• Discussion (time permitting)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

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**FACILITATOR OUTLINE**

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**NOTES**

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There are several other ways in which this laboratory session could be conducted.

1. Pair participants with one member having some background in the writing of objectives.
2. The facilitator of the overall group could move from small group (or pair) to small group (or pair) and occasionally place a good idea generated by one of the small groups on the chalkboard.



**ACTIVITY TITLE:**

Summary

**DURATION:**

10 minutes

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
<p><b>A. Quickly Review the Main Topics of the Module.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Goals—their value and their ambiguities.</li> <li>2. The <i>Rural America Series</i> and how objectives fit in.</li> <li>3. The role of the planning committee.</li> <li>4. Goals—subgoals—behavioral objectives.</li> <li>5. The component parts of behavioral objectives--The ABC and D's.</li> <li>6. Program objectives—What are they? How are they used?</li> <li>7. Developing objectives—try your hand.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Explain the Value of Behavioral and Program Objectives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Behavioral objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● They give us a clear, well defined picture of an outcome or end point we hope to accomplish.</li> <li>● They increase overall understanding among all persons involved in the project.</li> <li>● The "conditions" of a behavioral objective often suggest the type of resources that are needed to implement that objective, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— tape recorders</li> <li>— textbooks</li> <li>— reading materials</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Program Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● They are crucial elements or steps in the planning process.</li> <li>● If one collects all program objectives across all areas (needs assessment, planning, etc.) one gets an overall sense of what needs to be done.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

FACILITATOR OUTLINE	NOTES
3. And remember	
Don't think twice, Objectives are nice. They don't tell you the why, They are not a case of do or die. They simply open the door, And spell out the wherefore.	

## LISTING OF PARTICIPANT MATERIALS

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## BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES—WHAT'S WRONG?

**Directions:** If a component of a behavioral objective is missing from any of the following statements, identify it on the line to the right of the statement. If nothing is missing, place a ✓ on the line.

STATEMENT	PART MISSING
Given a series of five occupational clusters, students will list from memory two occupations that are in each cluster.	<hr/>
Given a list of references, students will know the appropriate sources for finding job openings.	<hr/>
Given job application forms, the students will fill them out correctly.	<hr/>
Students will list school courses and community experiences that relate to the occupations. The list will be reviewed by a counselor.	<hr/>
Given a list of 10 sources, students will identify these sources in which salary information can be found.	<hr/>

## GENERATING BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES

### SUBGOAL

The student can identify career skills of entry, maintenance, and advancement.

### BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

### GOAL

Use skills necessary for securing, maintaining and/or advancing in various career pathways.

### SUBGOAL

The student explains occupational pathways.

### BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

(Career Planning and Decision-Making Domain)

### SUBGOAL

The student evaluates the types of skills needed for life-long career development.

## GENERATING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

### SUGGESTIONS

To write program objectives think about the following kinds of ideas:

1. **WHAT** are the major steps required for accomplishing the goals?
2. **WHEN** or how often do they occur?
3. **WHO** is responsible for doing the activity?
4. **WHAT EVIDENCE** demonstrates that the activity was completed?

### GOAL

To assess the career development needs of students.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

## CRITERIA FOR OBJECTIVES

### IS THE OBJECTIVE

1. Important?
2. Logically related to the goal and subgoal?
3. Clearly written? Does it communicate a common idea to everyone?
4. Written in the ABCD format?

## RURAL AMERICA SERIES

### Module Questionnaire: Behavioral and Program Objectives

NAME (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Directions for responding to this brief questionnaire are given with each specific question. Your responses will be used to improve the module structure and format.

- On the left indicate the degree to which the module helped you in gaining the understandings and skills listed below. On the right provide brief comments on how the module could be improved for those sections marked "NONE" or "SOME."

Degree of Growth				Understandings/Skills	Comments
NONE	SOME	MUCH	VERY MUCH		
1	2	3	4	Increased understanding of the need for behavioral and program objectives.	
1	2	3	4	Developed skills in writing behavioral objectives.	
1	2	3	4	Developed skills in writing program objectives.	
1	2	3	4	Developed skills in critiquing behavioral and program objectives.	

- To what extent were the materials, processes, and organizational aspects of the module successfully used in the presentation and delivery of the module. For those materials, processes, or organizational aspects that you marked as "unsuccessful" or "slightly successful" provide brief comments as to how they might be improved.



Success				Materials/Processes	Comments
UNSUCCESSFUL	SLIGHTLY	MODERATELY	VERY SUCCESSFUL		

**Materials**

1	2	3	4	Transparencies
1	2	3	4	<i>Rural America Series</i> handout

**Processes**

1	2	3	4	Lecture Presentations
1	2	3	4	Small Group Work Sessions
1	2	3	4	Question and Answer Sessions

**Organizational Aspects**

1	2	3	4	Module Organization in Terms of the Logical Flow of Ideas
1	2	3	4	Important Concepts Reinforced
1	2	3	4	The Mix of Activities Helpful in Maintaining Interest

3. Indicate those aspects of the module that you *liked most* and those that you *liked least*.

*Liked Most*

*Comments*

*Liked Least*

*Comments*

4. **SUGGESTIONS:** Please provide any suggestions or comments that you have for improving the workshop, workshop materials, etc.

Thanks for your help.

## LISTING OF TRANSPARENCY MASTERS

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## THE RURAL AMERICA SERIES (HANDBOOKS)

### PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

#### Support Information

State of the Art

Model

Career Guidance Resources

#### Planning Process

Planning and Implementation

Needs Assessment

Behavioral Objectives

Resource Assessment

Evaluation

### PROBLEM RESOLUTION

#### Career Guidance & Counseling Strategies

Career Counseling

Desk Reference

Individualized Counseling and Placement

Transitional Career Placement

Career Guidance Practices

#### Support Functions

Staff Development

Community Relations and Involvement

Community Perspectives

#### Supplemental Areas

Facilitator's Guide

Cooperative Agreements

Case Studies

**A GOAL AND SAMPLE SUB-GOALS FROM THE  
LIFE ROLE ASSUMPTION DOMAIN  
OF THE MODEL**

**GOAL**

**ASSESS THE BASIC CHARACTERISTICS, QUALIFICATIONS,  
AND STAGES OF PREPARATION NEEDED TO OBTAIN AND  
PERFORM IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL ROLES**

**SUB-GOALS**

**THE STUDENT IDENTIFIES THE PERFORMANCE REQUIRE-  
MENTS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS (KNOWLEDGE)**

**THE STUDENT EXPLAINS HOW A PERSON'S QUALIFICATIONS  
RELATE TO SEVERAL OCCUPATIONS (COMPREHENSION)**

**THE STUDENT EVALUATES EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION  
INFORMATION (APPLICATION)**

# GOALS REQUIRE SPECIFICATION

## GOAL

EACH STUDENT SHOULD  
ACQUIRE A MASTERY OF  
BASIC SKILLS IN THE USE  
OF NUMBERS

INTERPRETATION

INTERPRETATION

$$2+2=?$$
$$4+8+12=?$$

$$s_j^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \frac{(x_{ij} - \bar{x}_{.j})^2}{n_j - 1}$$



# GOAL SPECIFICATION → BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES

GOALS

SUB-GOALS

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES

INCREASING SPECIFICITY ↓

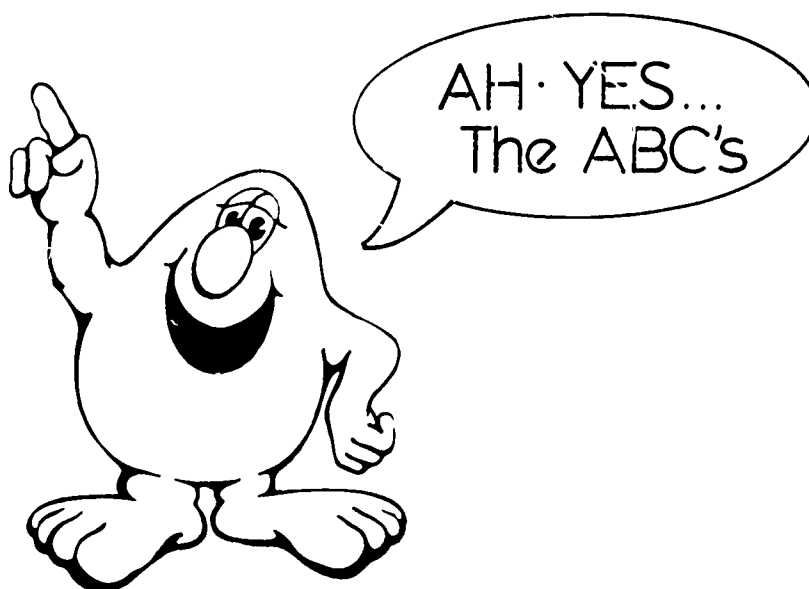
ACTORS

BEHAVIOR

COGNITIVE  
AFFECTIVE  
PSYCHOMOTOR

CONDITIONS

DEGREE OF SUCCESS



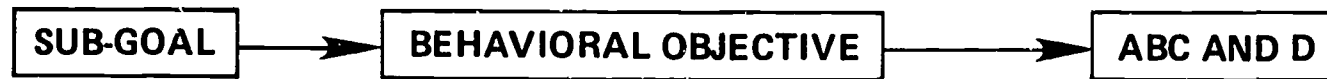


INCREASING SPECIFICITY ↑

GOAL	THE STUDENT WILL ASSESS THE BASIC CHARACTERISTICS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STAGES OF PREPARATION NEEDED TO OBTAIN AND PERFORM IN VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL ROLES.
SUBGOAL	THE STUDENT IDENTIFIES THE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS.
BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE	GIVEN A LIST OF OCCUPATIONS, THE STUDENT WILL LIST THE POST HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION NEEDED FOR EACH OCCUPATION WITH AT LEAST 75 PERCENT ACCURACY.



## THE ABC AND D'S



THE STUDENT

IDENTIFIES THE  
PERFORMANCE REQUIRE-  
MENTS OF VARIOUS  
OCCUPATIONS

THE STUDENT

IDENTIFIES THE  
PERFORMANCE REQUIRE-  
MENTS OF FIFTEEN  
OCCUPATIONS

FROM A LIST OF POSSIBLE  
PERFORMANCE REQUIRE-  
MENTS FOR THOSE  
OCCUPATIONS

WITH 80% ACCURACY

**A**

=

ACTOR, THE PERSON  
PERFORMING THE  
BEHAVIOR

**B**

=

BEHAVIOR, THE TASK  
THAT IS BEING  
PERFORMED

**C**

=

CONDITION, WITHIN  
WHICH THE BEHAVIOR  
IS DEMONSTRATED

**D**

=

DEGREE OF SUCCESS,  
THE CRITERIA THAT  
DEFINES SUCCESSFUL  
TASK COMPLETION

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## PROGRAM GOALS/OBJECTIVES

### PROGRAM GOAL

**TO PROVIDE TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, ADMINISTRATORS, STUDENTS, AND OTHER PERSONS WITH THE IN-SERVICE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DISTRICT'S CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM**

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

**TO PROVIDE STAFF, TIME, AND RESOURCES FOR CONDUCTING IN-SERVICE EFFORTS**

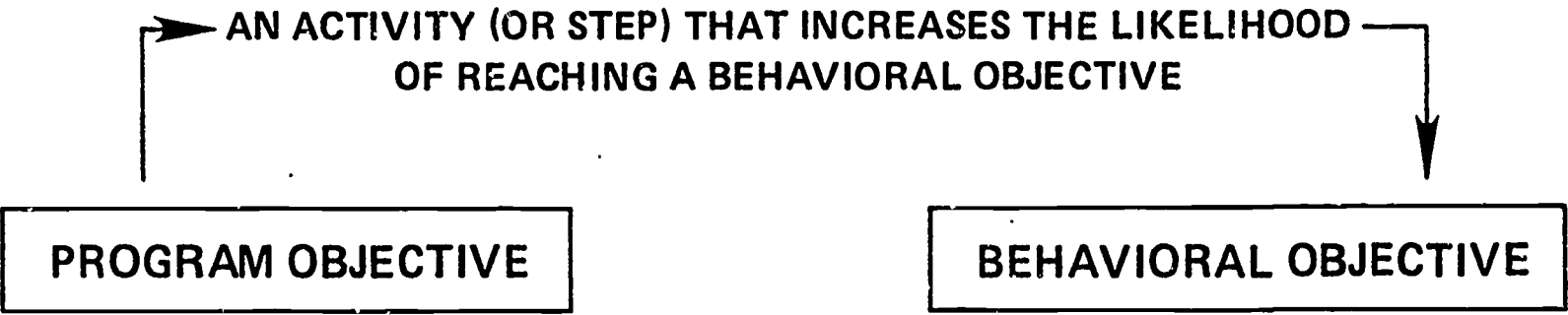
**TO DETERMINE STAFF NEEDS FOR IMPLEMENTING A CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM**

**TO USE A VARIETY OF IN-SERVICE TECHNIQUES IN PROVIDING STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

**TO PROVIDE ON-GOING STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BASED UPON IDENTIFIED NEEDS**

## ABC And D's of Objectives

AN ACTIVITY (OR STEP) THAT INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD  
OF REACHING A BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE



**PROGRAM OBJECTIVE**

1. ACTOR(S)—USUALLY TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC.
2. BEHAVIOR—AN ACTIVITY THAT TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC. CARRY OUT
3. CONDITIONS—TIME OR FREQUENCY OF THE ACTIVITY
4. DEGREE OF SUCCESS—TANGIBLE OUTCOME

**BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE**

1. ACTOR(S)—USUALLY STUDENTS
2. BEHAVIOR—A SINGLE TASK THAT THE ACTOR PERFORMS
3. CONDITIONS—MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO THE ACTOR OR SETTING IN WHICH BEHAVIOR IS DEMONSTRATED
4. DEGREE OF SUCCESS—CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TASK

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SUPPLEMENTS TO THE *RURAL AMERICA SERIES* (1978)

Increasing Guidance Effectiveness Through School-Community Cooperation

From Idea to Action: Career Guidance Plans of Rural and Small Schools

Facilitator's Guide to Staff Training for the *Rural America Series*

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## Career Guidance Program Support Information Documents

State of the Art Review  
Life Role Development Model  
Career Guidance Resources

## Career Guidance Program Process Handbooks

Planning and Implementation  
Career Development Needs Assessment  
Behavioral Objectives  
Resource Assessment  
Deciding Via Evaluation

## Career Guidance and Counseling for Groups and Individuals Handbooks

Career Counseling in the Rural School  
Desk Reference: Facilitating Career Counseling and Placement  
An Individualized Approach to Career Counseling and Career Placement  
Transitional Career Placement in the Rural School  
Career Guidance Practices

## Career Guidance Program Support Functions Handbooks

Staff Development  
Community Relations and Involvement  
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