**Guidelines for Conducting Structured A-B-C Data Collection**

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**Preparing for Data Collection:**

1. Determine a standard observation session time to be used for all sessions (20 or 30 minutes is recommended).
2. Determine the time of your observation sessions by using your Scatterplot data.
3. Complete identifying information and class information on the form.
4. Write down any observed or reported antecedents that are not already on the data sheet.
5. Familiarize yourself with:
   * The operational definition of the target problem behavior
   * The operational definitions of both antecedents and consequences (refer to your FBA Manual)

**Conducting Data Collection:**

1. At the first occurrence of the target problem behavior, check it off in the first column.
2. Record the corresponding antecedent event(s) and consequence(s) in the appropriate row of the same column.
3. Repeat this procedure using the subsequent columns on the data sheet, using additional sheets as needed.
4. Stop data collection when your predetermined session time is up.