

AUTISM PROGRAMS TRAINING SCHEDULE 2008-2009

Sharpening your skills: Inclusionary practices for Special Education Students:

Target Audience: General Education Teachers

Speakers: Claudine Steck, Inclusion specialist, Heidi McDowell, Program Specialist and Autism Programs staff

Dates: Aug. 26	CMCC Victoria Room	8:30-3:00
Sept. 23	TBD	8:30-3:00
Feb. 9 Elementary teachers	TBD	8:30-3:00
Feb. 10 Secondary teachers	TBD	8:30-3:00

This training provides an overview of autism and important features relevant to educators, behavior interventions in the classroom, working with support staff and non-public agencies, participating in the IEP process, modifications and accommodations and grading.

Supporting Students with Autism in General Education Classrooms:

Target Audience: RSP Teachers

Speakers: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Sept. 4	TBD	8:00-12:00
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Techniques for supporting students with autism in the general education classroom will be discussed. Key features of high functioning autism will be reviewed including executive functioning (organization, attention) and perspective taking (Theory of Mind). Recommendations for communication with parents, visual organization in the classroom and behavioral interventions will also be reviewed.

Facilitating Clinic meetings for Students with Autism:

Target Audience: school psychologists and Speech Pathologists

Speaker: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Sept. 5	TBD	8:00-9:30
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Discussion on how to facilitate and document a clinic meeting with NMUSD support staff, non-public agency staff and parents for our students with autism in the general education setting. Creative ways to make it work at your school site.

Administration of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) I

Target Audience: school psychologists, speech pathologists, spec. ed. Teachers

Facilitator: Lori Williams, Psy.D. Coordinator of Autism Programs

Dates: Nov. 14	TBD	8:00-12:00
Feb. 24	TBD	8:00-12:00

View video on administering the ADOS by the publisher of the measure. Video includes administrations to children from preschool through adult. Collaborate with colleagues in problem solving, clinical analysis of autistic behaviors and scoring of the measure. Upon full completion of all training (Part I, II and III) you will have met the publishers training requirements for administration of this tool and will have strengthened your overall skills in assessing students with autism.

Administration of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) II

Target Audience: school psychologists, speech pathologists, spec. ed. Teachers

Facilitator: Lori Williams, Psy.D. Coordinator of Autism Programs

Dates: Dec. 11	TBD	8:00-12:00
Mar. 3	TBD	8:00-12:00

View video on administering the ADOS by the publisher of the measure. Video includes administrations to children from preschool through adult. Collaborate with colleagues in problem solving, clinical analysis of autistic behaviors and scoring of the measure. Upon full completion of all training (Part I, II and III) you will have met the publishers training requirements for administration of this tool and will have strengthened your overall skills in assessing students with autism.

Administration of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) III

Target Audience: school psychologists, speech pathologists, spec. ed. Teachers

Facilitator: Lori Williams, Psy.D. Coordinator of Autism Programs

Dates: Jan. 26	(preschool)	TBD	8:00-12:00
Apr. 17	(High school)	TBD	8:00-12:00

This session will be completed with your colleagues and will include live administration with a preschool student (Winter) and high school student (Spring) who are currently identified as autistic. There will be opportunity to receive feedback on your administration, practice observational note taking and establish inter-rater agreement.

Data Collection Basics: Level I

Target Audience: new ABA special education Instructional assistants

Speakers: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Oct. 8	TBD	8:00-2:00
Nov. 3	TBD	8:00-2:00
Mar. 11	TBD	8:00-2:00

Review of autism, behavioral basics and data collection methodology. Learn how to document with district data sheets and also practice via videos and role play. Techniques can be applied to students with autism in special day classroom and a general education classroom.

Data Collection Advanced: Level II

Target Audience: ABA aides that have completed Data I training; psychologists, speech pathologists and special education teachers

Speakers: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Oct. 8	TBD	8:00-2:00
Nov. 3	TBD	8:00-2:00
Mar. 11	TBD	8:00-2:00

Taking data in complex situations (groups, recess) analyzing and summarizing data, sharing data findings and making programming decisions based on data analysis.

Social Skill Facilitation: Level III

Target Audience: ABA aides that have completed Data I and II trainings, psychologists, speech pathologists and special education teachers.

Speakers: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Oct. 8	TBD	8:00-2:00
Nov. 3	TBD	8:00-2:00
Mar. 11	TBD	8:00-2:00

Advanced discussion on high functioning autism and students with asperger syndrome and facilitating social skill interaction across educational settings. This training will include video clips, role play and live practice with your cohorts. Training will also synthesize data collection while facilitating social skill development for our students on the spectrum.

Parent Education Forums

Target Audience: parents and educators working with children on the autism spectrum.

Dates: Oct. 22	TBD	6:30-8:00
Dec. 10	TBD	6:30-8:00
Feb. 4	TBD	6:30-8:00
Apr. 22	TBD	6:30-8:00

Selected speakers on a variety of issues related to raising and educating a child with autism. Watch for flyers for highlighted speakers and topics.

Applied Behavior Analysis Didactic

Target Audience: All NMUSD special educators and instructional aides (Spring session open to NMUSD parents)

Speaker: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Nov. 19 and Nov. 20	TBD	8:00-3:00
*May 4 and May 5	TBD	8:00-3:00
* open to NMUSD parents		

This 12 hour lecture series includes behavioral characteristics of autism, etiology, treatment myths and research based information. Speakers will also cover the function of behavior and behavioral analysis. Lecture also includes an overview and introduction to discrete trial training and applied behavior analysis.

Applied Behavior Analysis hands-on workshop

Target Audience: All NMUSD special educators and instructional aides (spring session open to NMUSD parents)

Speakers: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Dec. 1 through Dec. 5	TBD	8:00-3:00 (lunch on your own)
May 11 through May 15	TBD	8:00-3:00 (lunch on your own)

This 30 hour workshop will give you hands-on experience in applying the techniques of behavior analysis with a student with autism. You will have an opportunity to develop your skills in the areas of reinforcement hierarchy, providing clear instructions, corrective feedback, differential reinforcement, prompting and overall development of good teaching! This is excellent training for staff and parents that work with any age student on the spectrum as the concepts transcend age ranges. This is also excellent training for therapists (speech, OT) in strengthening your therapy techniques and psychologists in developing your classroom coaching skills for behavior plan implementation.

ABA teacher collaborative meetings

Target Audience: All NMUSD ABA (Autism classrooms) Teachers

Facilitators: Autism Programs Staff

Dates: Sept. 10	TBD	2:30-3:30
Nov. 12	TBD	2:30-3:30
Jan 14	TBD	2:30-3:30
Apr. 15	TBD	2:30-3:30

These meetings are for our ABA special day classroom teachers. Come and join your colleagues for support, sharing of ideas, celebrate successes and hear a brief in-service by an autism specialist in ways to support your students.

Thank you and we look forward to 2008-2009!

NMUSD Autism Programs Staff,

Melody Yi, Autism Specialist

Carla Williamson, Autism Specialist

Marie Baba, Autism Specialist

Tammy White, Autism Specialist

Eliza Delpizzo, Ph.D., BCBA, Autism Specialist

Lori Williams, Psy.D., Coordinator

- ☼ See Autism Programs web link for date/time/place determination and changes.
- ☼ Please see individual flyers for full training descriptions (soon available on web link)
- ☼ Please check Autism Programs web link for parent education intensive dates available to NMUSD families for 2008-2009.