



The Autism Programs

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At the Center for Development & Disability,
University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

Project SET 5th Annual Preschool Autism Institute: Focusing on Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) & Facilitating Staff Teaching of Children with Autism in the Classroom Environment

Sponsored by: NM Public Education Department

The field of Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) encompasses the belief that 1) students with autism can change behavior when they are supported rather than controlled, 2) all behavior serves some kind of function for the student with autism, & 3) interventionists need to move away from coercive treatment with students with autism.

This Institute will focus on 1) understanding & manipulating the Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence (ABC) relationship in order to change behavior, 2) understanding Function Behavior Assessments (FBA), 3) teaching replacement behaviors to students with autism, & 4) creating & using visual supports in the classroom.

In addition to PBS, participants will learn strategies to use with school staff members around 1) fostering independence in students with autism, 2) observing students with autism & collecting data, 3) creating social communication opportunities in 1:1 & small group settings, & 4) priming for classroom activities & peer interactions.

The format for the first three days will be primarily didactic instruction with video examples & small group activities. The last three days will primarily involve hands-on work with students with autism, team planning and preparation, & coaching typically developing peers.
Teams are encouraged to attend.

There is no cost to participants thanks to the NM Public Education Department

*For additional information on Autism trainings, go to
<http://cdd.unm.edu/autism/education>

**Training for Professionals
Working in Preschool
Settings
Age 3-5 Years Old**

**Training Dates:
October 5 & 6, 2009
November 9 & 10, 2009
December 7 & 8, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

***Participants are required to
attend all 6 dates of this
series.***

No cost to participants

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