

Autism Satellite Sites Training Information

What: Autism Satellite Sites Training is a project created to provide 2.5-hour professional development sessions in the fall of 2017 and the spring of 2018 at various “satellite sites” throughout Region 4. The sites were selected by grouping interested districts according to location and then obtaining participation from host districts. In all, four satellite sites were created. The Fall 2017 training will address Linking Behavior Function to Intervention; the Spring 2018 training will address Teaching Communication Skills Throughout the Day (see the section, *Autism Satellite Sites Training Session Descriptions*, below for additional session information). The table, *Satellite Sites Dates and Topics 2017-2018*, below provides information on district groupings, dates, times, session ID numbers, and locations.

Why: In reviewing attendance at the professional development sessions offered at Region 4, it was very clear that as the distance from the service center increased, district participation decreased. This project was created to address this trend and provide autism-related training to the districts that lie in the outer areas of our region with the hope that no participant would be required to travel more than 30 miles to attend.

Who: Any district personnel who support students with autism can attend these sessions; however, the sessions are designed for those who directly and regularly instruct students with autism in the classroom (e.g., teachers, paraprofessionals, SLPs, etc.).

When: Training dates for each district group is provided in the table, *Satellite Sites Dates and Topics 2017-2018*, below.

Where: Host districts are identified, and training location addresses are provided in the table, *Autism Satellite Sites Registration Information*, below. *****PLEASE NOTE: The addresses in the table below *might* differ from the addresses given on the Region 4 web site registration pages. The trainings will take place at the addresses listed in the table below.*****

How: Session IDs are provided in the table, *Satellite Sites Dates and Topics 2017-2018*, below. Those who wish to participate will enroll by entering the Session ID number in the “Search PD” window on the home page of the Region 4 web site, www.esc4.net, and completing the registration process as they would for any other Region 4 professional development session. There is no charge for these sessions. This year, we are offering 2 sessions on each training day – an AM session and a PM session – in order to better accommodate participants’ schedules.

*****Please encourage those who wish to participate to register online as described above. If sessions have fewer than 10 participants registered, the session will be cancelled.*****

Autism Satellite Sites Training Session Descriptions

Satellite Site Training #1, Fall 2017

Linking Behavior Function to Intervention, Susan Catlett, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Join this session to learn more about selecting the best intervention to address challenging behavior. Participants will 1) review the functions of behavior and applied behavior analysis methods of intervention, 2) practice selecting interventions that meet the function of behavior, and 3) learn how to address behaviors that are resistant to change.

Satellite Site Training #2, Spring 2018

Teaching Communication Skills throughout the Day, Shannon Paige, MA, CCC-SLP

Join this session to learn how to incorporate the instruction of communication skills throughout the school day. In this session, participants will 1) review the principles of core vocabulary, 2) learn how to use core vocabulary to increase communication in a variety of activities, and 3) learn how to differentiate communication instruction across ability levels

Autism Satellite Sites Registration Information

The table below provides information regarding 1) district satellite site groupings, 2) training topics, 3) training dates, 4) training locations, and 5) session identification numbers needed for registration. The district groupings include those districts that expressed interest in attending the Autism Satellite Site trainings; however, those from other districts that would like to participate are welcome to select a site and attend the training. Additionally, some participants might find that their location is actually closer to a host from a district grouping other than their own. These individuals are welcome to join the training at a host site in another district grouping if this is more convenient.

For additional information, contact Cathy Williams, Ph.D., at cathy.williams@esc4.net or 713-744-6801.

Satellite Sites Dates and Topics 2017-2018

District Groups	Linking Behavior Function to Intervention Susan Catlett, Ph.D., BCBA-D	Teaching Communication Skills throughout the Day Shannon Paige MA, CCC-SLP
Liberty Host Splendora Dayton Cleveland Tarkington Hardin Devers Anahuac Hull-Daisetta Hardin Jefferson Lumberton Kountze West Hardin Humble Huffman Crosby	October 19, 2017 (Thursday) AM session: 9:00 – 11:30 am Session # 1321673 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321674 Liberty High School 2615 Jefferson Drive Liberty, TX 77575	February 1, 2018 (Thursday) AM session: 9:00 – 11:30 am Session # 1321688 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321690 Liberty High School 2615 Jefferson Drive Liberty, TX 77575
Clear Creek Host Texas City Channelview Pasadena La Porte Deer Park Sheldon Hitchcock Friendswood	October 26, 2017 (Thursday) AM session: 9:00 – 11:30 am Session # 1321676 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321678 Challenger Columbia Stadium 1955 West NASA Blvd. Webster, TX 77598	February 20, 2018 (Tuesday) AM session: 9:00 – 11:30 am Session # 1321691 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321693 A Challenger Columbia Stadium 1955 West NASA Blvd. Webster, TX 77598
Angleton Host Sweeny Columbia-Brazoria Alvin Santa Fe Pearland Stafford Needville Damon Danbury	November 29, 2017 (Wednesday) AM session: 9:00 – 11:30 am Session # 1321682 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321684 The Pavillion 1900 N. Downing Angleton, TX 77515	February 22, 2018 (Thursday) AM session: 9:00 – 11:30 am Session # 1321694 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321696 The Pavillion 1900 N. Downing Angleton, TX 77515
Tomball Host Magnolia Royal Spring	December 1, 2017 (Friday) AM session: 9am-11:30 am Session # 1321686 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321687 1302 Keefer Rd, Suite B Tomball, TX 77375	February 27, 2018 (Tuesday) AM session: 9am-11:30 am Session # 1321697 PM Session: 12:30-3:00 Session # 1321700 1302 Keefer Rd, Suite B Tomball, TX 77375