

Announcement

July – August 2017 Schedule of Virtual Trainings for AAW & ACAP Providers & *New Training Access Procedures*

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AUDIENCE: Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Providers and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) Providers

PURPOSE: To announce the July - August schedule of virtual trainings for AAW and ACAP providers, presented by the BAS Clinical Team. *Trainings that are also open to providers within the Consolidated and P/FDS waivers are indicated below.*

DISCUSSION:

The Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) is pleased to announce the **July – August 2017 schedule** of virtual trainings for Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) Providers, presented by the BAS Clinical Team.

These training opportunities will take two forms: **Virtual Office Hours (VOH)** and **Virtual Targeted Trainings (VTT)**. Generally, VOHs are not recorded and posted, but offer more opportunities to ask questions related to a specific topic. VTTs will be recorded and posted.

HOW TO ACCESS TRAININGS: *NEW!*

The Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) has transitioned from using Adobe Connect to **GoToWebinar** for Virtual Targeted Trainings (VTTs) and Virtual Office Hours (VOHs). This new platform will provide an enhanced learning experience.

The biggest change is that each scheduled VTT and VOH offered will have its own unique registration link. You must PREREGISTER for each training that you plan to attend by clicking the linked title of the training. Once you preregister, you will receive an email with instructions to participate, including a new link to join the meeting.

It is recommended that you register in advance to ensure you receive the meeting reminder.

Another change is that attendees will have the option to call into the webinar by phone, in addition to participating online and using the chat feature.

Please view the July/August schedule below, and register for each of the trainings that you are interested in participating in.

July – August 2017

BAS VTT and VOH Schedule

Date & Time	VOH or VTT	Topic	Audience	Description
7/5/2017 4 – 5 pm	VTT	Creative Low Tech Assistive Technology Tools	All Providers, including AAW, ACAP, Consolidated, P/FDS	Not only is technology imperative in the world we live in, but it can be crucial in providing the assistance and safety accommodations to support individuals with autism and their caregivers. Please join us for a discussion on what assistive technology is, in and outside of AAW. In addition, we will explore some of the unique tools developed for specific areas of need.
7/13/2017 11 am – 12 noon	VTT	“Beyond Verbal Praise: Ideas for Reinforcement and Motivation”	BSS, SSB and ACAP	Does the way we acknowledge and reinforce an individual’s replacement behaviors and skills impact their progress? What part does motivation play in influencing growth and progress? Please join us for this VTT to explore and discuss these questions.
7/18/2017 1 – 2 pm	VTT	Assessing and Addressing Social Skills	All Providers, including AAW, ACAP, Consolidated, P/FDS	This training will focus on identifying specific issues and needs involved with social skills deficits as well as pinpointing effective strategies to use when addressing social skills in individuals with autism.
7/26/2017 7 – 8 pm	VOH	Open Forum Discussion: The needs of CS staff and how to obtain them	All AAW Providers	This training will be a facilitated panel discussion in which CS staff will share their experiences within the participant’s AAW teams as learning experiences for other providers. This information will include, their experiences, what has worked, what hasn’t worked, and what supports they are in need of in order to implement the CS service efficiently and effectively.
7/31/2017 9 – 10 am	VOH	Periodic Risk Evaluation Check-in	BSS, SC, including ACAP	The baseline period for the PRE has been completed and we are moving forward with the next phase of implementation. Please join us for this VOH to discuss updates to resources, share experiences with completing the PRE and answer questions.
8/10/2017 1 – 2 pm	VTT	Teaching Coping & Self-Regulation Skills	BSS and ACAP	This training will explore ways to informally assess needs and implement strategies to teach coping and self-regulation skills, paying particular attention to sensory needs of the individuals you support.

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8/24/2017 1 – 2 pm	VTT	Working Toward Achieving a Person Centered Culture	All Providers, Including AAW, ACAP, Consolidated, P/FDS	A vital element of our work supporting individuals living with autism is the use of a person-centered approach to supports and services. In addition to using a person-centered approach to planning on a participant level (person centered planning), we need to work towards the ultimate goal of establishing a culture of person centered thinking. During this VTT we will explore both these concepts and how we can work towards promoting a person centered culture in order to assure positive outcomes for all.
8/29/2017 1 – 2 pm	VTT	Transitioning from Hospital to Home	All Providers , including AAW, ACAP, Consolidated, P/FDS	What happens when you are supporting an individual and they go into the hospital for psychiatric reasons? How can you help with the planning process as they transition home? This training will focus on ways to support individuals with autism during the transition from hospital to home.

Please review the schedule above and share this information with other staff within your agency who would benefit from participating.

Please submit any questions regarding this communication via e-mail to ra-basprovidersupprt@pa.gov.