

AUTISM NEWSLETTER

STAR (Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research) Training Opportunities

1 - Full STAR Training August 10 - 12, 2021.

This is a free, virtual training. A room has been reserved at River Bluff for those who are comfortable doing the training in a small group. You can also access the training anywhere you have internet access.

2 - STAR is also offering a summer ESY PD training which includes a trainer at your ESY site to model, help with the lessons, and data collection.

Let Lynne Petersen know if you are interested or would like more information for either of these opportunities.



AIM Accept. Identify. Move

A Behavior Analytic Curriculum for Social-Emotional Development in Children incorporating:

- ~Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
- ~Applied Behavior Analysis
- ~ Mindfulness

AIM is the outcome of over a decade of implementation of three evidence-based practices of intervention for children. This text introduces and blends together the concepts of Mindfulness, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and Applied Behavior Analysis. Together the approach seeks to improve the lives of children with or without disabilities who struggle with social and emotional challenges. The text includes:

- ◆ Introduction to foundational concepts
- ◆ The AIM Curriculum implementation guides
- ◆ 75 easy-to-implement mindfulness lessons designed specifically for children
- ◆ 175 ACT daily lessons that are presented in tiers of intervention intensity
- ◆ Over 75 supplemental worksheets for ACT lessons
- ◆ Data collection and progress monitoring forms
- ◆ The Children's Psychological Flexibility Questionnaire assessment tool

Goodhue County Education District will be offering training on this curriculum on Monday August 16th and Wednesday August 18, 2021. It is a two day training. If you take this training and decide to implement it, the curriculum will be available to you in your district.

The registration link will be sent out soon. It will also be on the GCED PD Calendar.

ASD Best Practices Teacher Resources

If you are looking for a quick read on how to use certain strategies in your classroom, this is a resource that might be helpful. Region 10 consultants put together both a slide show and a word document for each of the following strategies:

- Classroom Schedules
- Data Collection
- Environment
- Functional Routines
- Play
- Prompting
- Social Narratives
- Structured Work Systems
- Task Boxes
- Thought and Speech Bubbles
- Visuals

Each selection is divided into 4 parts:

- Definition
- Purpose
- Examples
- Resources

You are welcome to access and print any of the materials that would be helpful to you!

ASD Evidence Based Practices Resources for teachers

No Cost Online Training Resources

For Minnesota Paraprofessionals Working with Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Related Needs - Compiled by the MN Low Incidence Project

Webinar recordings

- Building Independence in Student with Special Needs in the Education Environment
- Him/Her OR Me? How do I Deal with Behavior Issues?
- Using Accommodations and Modifications to Increase Success for Students with Special Needs
- ◆ Many Faces of Autism Course
- ◆ AFIRM Module: Introduction to ASD
- ◆ Autism Internet Modules
- ◆ Autism Spectrum Disorder (part 1) An Overview for Educators
- ◆ Accommodations: Instructional and Testing Supports for Students with Disabilities
- ◆ The Back-To-School Transition
- ◆ The World Needs All Kinds of Minds
- ◆ Temple Grandin movie

<http://www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org/distanceLearning/asd/asdParaDevResources.html>

Upcoming Trainings

May 13 - 12:00 - 1:00 - This training is Free and will be recorded. ~ Future Thinkers: A new View of Executive Function Skills - Sarah Ward

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p6eub5h>

August 5 - 6 , 2021 - Virtual Summer Symposium - Structuring the Unstructured"

August 16 - 20, 2021 - GCED Professional Development Opportunities