

Region II Network of Autism Specialists present:

The 2008-9 Autism Series

for Basic Competency in Autism Spectrum Disorders

This series is designed for parents and educators working with students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is designed as a comprehensive series to allow participants to demonstrate their competency in autism through lecture, discussion, hands-on activities, and written exercises. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to attend the full series to receive a Basic Competency in Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate recognized by Northern California's Region II SELPAs. This series is designed for Special and General Educators, particularly those new to autism, parents, paraprofessionals, and other support staff.

The training series will be presented in an innovative manner: through **videoconferencing**. Counties will rotate as the host and lead trainer and participants may attend any of the following locations: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity counties.

The topics:

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders	Sept. 23 rd , 2008
Inclusion Strategies	October 16 th , 2008
Functional Communication	Nov. 18 th , 2008
Sensory Differences in Students with ASD	Dec. 2 nd , 2008
Decreasing Problematic Behavior through Positive Behavioral Interventions	Jan. 15 th , 2009
Improving Social Interactions in Students with ASD	February 24 th , 2009
Skill Building – Part I: ABA Strategies	March 17 th , 2009
Skill Building- Part II: DTT	April 21 st , 2009
Using Visual Strategies	May 7 th , 2009

All sessions will be held 3:00-5:30pm

The trainers:

- ≈ Cathy Smith, M.S., Autism Program Specialist, Butte County SELPA
- ≈ Karen Messler, Program Specialist, Tehama County Department of Education
- ≈ Debbie Baehler, M.S., Autism Specialist, Lassen County Office of Education
- ≈ Jacki Campos, Autism Specialist, Glenn County Office of Education

To register online to attend the Butte County locations: <http://www.bcoe.org/selpa/workshops>

No cost to participating counties

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