



Understanding Autism
in Young Children

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and Referral

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to Adulthood

Family-Professional
Partnerships

Free Training Module Series

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Understanding Autism in Young Children -An overview of the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and the criteria used to diagnose children with ASD.

Screening and Referral - Focuses on screening for ASD and also describes the next steps if referral for further evaluation is needed.

Evidence-Based Practice and Interventions -The importance of using evidence-based interventions when working with children and youth with ASD and an overview of 11 interventions that have the strongest research evidence.

Transition to Adulthood with Autism: Focus on Employment - Overview of what both families and educators can do to support the process for transition from adolescence to becoming an adult and why employment is essential.

Family-Professional Partnerships - How to effectively build and maintain family and professional partnerships to create a successful support system and team. Perspectives of both parents and professionals are featured.

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