

# Informational Memo

## **SPeCTRUM 2.0: BAS Autism Competency Training Modules 1 & 2 Now Available**

**BAS Communication Number: BAW17-41**

**AUDIENCE:** Professionals who support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families

**PURPOSE:** To communicate the availability of the first two modules of *SPeCTRUM 2.0: BAS Autism Competency Training*

### **BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:**

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The Office of Developmental Programs, Bureau of Autism Services is pleased to announce the availability of the first two modules within the newly developed ***SPeCTRUM 2.0: BAS Autism Competency Training***.

This multi-module training was developed by ODP's Pennsylvania Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) in conjunction with the Autism Services, Education, Resources & Training (ASERT) Collaborative.

This training is designed as a free online resource for professionals who are supporting individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families.

*Please note that this is **NOT** the virtual SPeCTRUM training course that is currently required for AAW or ACAP staff prior to enrolling as a provider and prior to providing services.*

### **Accessing the Course**

This online course is hosted within the *MyODP Training & Resource Center*. To view the modules, create a free account and log in prior to beginning the course. Access the course by clicking here: <https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1070>.

### **Module Overview**

#### ***SPeCTRUM 2.0 – Module 1: Bureau of Autism Services' Blueprint for Supporting People with Autism***

This module provides an overview of the Bureau of Autism Services' Mission, Principles, and Values. In addition, essential dimensions in understanding autism are reviewed in an effort to provide a framework of successful supports for individuals with autism. This module will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

***SPeCTRUM 2.0 – Module 2: An Introduction to Autism***

This interactive module discusses the core deficits in individuals with autism. Co-occurring mental and physical conditions, as they present in an adult, are emphasized. Finally, how those deficits can change dependent on the environment is illustrated. This module will take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

For questions about this communication, email [RA-BASTrainings@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BASTrainings@pa.gov).