



Announcement

July, August, September 2018 Schedule of Virtual Trainings Presented by the BAS Clinical Team

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AUDIENCE: Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) Providers and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) Providers, Other Professionals Supporting Individuals with Autism

PURPOSE: To announce the upcoming schedule of virtual trainings presented by the BAS Clinical Team in July, August and September 2018. *These trainings are primarily designed for AAW and ACAP providers. Trainings that are also open to providers serving individuals with autism in other programs, including the Consolidated, P/FDS and Community Living waivers, are indicated on the schedule below.*

DISCUSSION:

The Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) is pleased to announce the schedule of virtual trainings to be presented by the BAS Clinical Team, during July, August and September 2018. These trainings are primarily designed for AAW and ACAP providers, but a number of sessions are also relevant to the broader professional community.

REGISTER TODAY! NOTE: Pre-registration for each session you want to attend is required.

HOW TO ACCESS TRAININGS:

The Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) uses **GoTo Webinar** for Virtual Targeted Trainings (VTTs).

Each scheduled VTT offered will have its own unique registration link. You must pre-register 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.

Please note: Attendees will have the option to call into the webinar by phone, in addition to participating online and using the chat feature.

Please review the schedule below for detailed information about individual training topics, dates and times, and intended audience.

To register, click on the linked title of each training you plan to attend. Once you pre-register, you will receive an email with instructions to participate, including a new link to join the meeting.

Please share this information with other staff within your agency who would benefit from participating.

For questions about this announcement, email ra-bastrainings@pa.gov

July, August and September 2018 Training Schedule

Date & Time	VOH or VTT	Topic	Audience	Description
7/5/18 1-2pm	VTT	What to Do When the Going Gets Tough: Tools for the Behavioral Specialist (Repeat topic from 2/27/18)	Behavioral Specialists	Supporting individuals who present with complex needs can be a challenge for even the most seasoned behavioral specialist. The challenge can be exacerbated when the team, especially those who provide the direct supports, are frustrated and unsure of their abilities. This training will provide tools and suggestions for assisting team members who are struggling.
7/10/18 9am-12 noon and 2pm-4:30pm	VOH	Virtual Office Hours: Seek Technical Assistance for GAS Charts	Any Provider in AAW or ACAP who develops GAS charts	The entire office day from 9:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:30pm will be devoted to assisting providers and staff with technical assistance on their GAS charts under development. Pre-register for the day, then log onto GoToMeeting anytime during these windows to seek guidance and technical assistance in completing your GAS charts!
7/19/18 10am -12 noon	VOH	Incident Management Update and Technical Assistance Opportunity	All AAW providers and ACAP	Provider personnel responsible for incident management are encouraged to participate. A brief update will be provided as it relates to the upcoming 6100 regulation changes to incident management. Concerns specific to the BAS programs will be addressed in order to assist providers in improving incident reporting. Opportunity for technical assistance (excluding IT or technology related issues) will also be provided.
7/25/18 10-11am	VTT	Working with Community Psychiatry	Any provider in any system	This training will help supporters work more effectively with community psychiatrists by learning how to identify, collect and report behavioral health information.
8/9/18 1-2pm	VTT	Using Risks as an Opportunity to Enhance Quality of Life and Learning	Any AAW and ACAP Provider	When risks are identified for participants, they are often viewed as a negative or an obstacle. As supporters we can react to risks by going into protection mode, or the identified risks can be used to create new opportunities to improve quality of life and teach new skills.

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8/14/18 1-2pm	VTT	How to Guide Your Team When Feeling “Stuck”	SCs and SC Supervisors in any system	As Supports Coordinators, there can be a lot of pressure in guiding your team, particularly through challenging times. Often times, this results in a call to program administrators. However, there is more that the SC can do! This hour will be used to review different resources and strategies that the SC can utilize, in order to help the team strategically troubleshoot next steps when trying to navigate through difficult issues.
8/30/18 1-2pm	VTT	Professional vs. Personal Boundaries	Any Provider in any system	This training will discuss personal vs. professional boundaries. It will include strategies to maintain those boundaries with co-workers, families and participants, including on social media.
9/13/18 1-2pm	VTT	Enhancing Instructional Strategies in Skill Building Plans	SSB Providers	This training will review the Instructional Strategies section in the SBP (e.g., how to design and develop) including a review of the GAS Manual and Best Instructional Practices Manual.
9/20/18 9-10am	VTT	Voc. Profile: Training and Submission	AAW Job Assessment Providers and SCs	This session will cover the steps to develop the Vocational Profile, including the training and submission process. During this training, BAS will review information provided in a January 2018 VTT, and also present a newly revised resource that shows the process of these steps. Additionally, there will be a walk-through of the clinical checklist used to review the ongoing submission to BAS for approval.
9/27/18 1-2pm	VTT	Structured Approach to Supporting Informed Choices	Any provider in any system	As supporters, we understand the importance of self-determination in the lives of people with disabilities. However, we need to further explore how we can better provide the necessary information, experience, and tools to people in an effort to be self-directing. This training will highlight strategies that can enhance supports to foster and contribute to the expression of self-determined behaviors.