



## Building Communication Opportunities for Adults with Autism & Communication Needs ECHO Program

NO-COST PROGRAM FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, SUPERVISORS, & TEAM LEADS

Virtual sessions, held alternating Mondays, 7:45-9 a.m.

2025

Mar. 3	Mar. 17	Mar. 31
Apr. 14	Apr. 28	May 12

Flip to learn more about Project ECHO



Register Here

<https://redcap.link/AutismCommOpps>

Rolling registration.

Register one-time to access all sessions. Attend as your schedule allows.



Transform your approach to supporting individuals with communication challenges! Our program provides effective strategies for supporting individuals with limited or no vocal communication. Whether you're new to the field or have years of experience, this training will empower you with the tools to promote functional communication & improve quality of life.

### What You'll Learn:

- Expressive Communication:** Effective use of high-tech & low-tech AAC tools to encourage self-expression.
- Receptive Language Skills:** Strategies to enhance understanding & language processing.
- Community Integration:** How to facilitate meaningful participation in community activities.
- Building Rapport:** Key interaction skills to foster trust & improve social connections.



### Program Benefits:

- Practical, Immediate Solutions** for everyday challenges.
- Case Studies & Real-World Strategies** you can apply in your work.
- Access to Local Resources** to support your efforts & the individuals you serve.

### Why It Matters:

Small changes in your approach to communication can have a huge impact on the individuals you support. By improving communication, you help enhance their independence, social involvement, and overall well-being.



## “All Teach, All Learn”

The Project ECHO model of continuing education leverages the power of all participants learning and sharing together. ECHO sessions consist of a brief educational presentation with Q&A, followed by group discussion on de-identified cases submitted by participants. It is a guided, virtual learning community aimed at supporting attendees in caring for their clients.

### PARTICIPATING IS FREE, SIMPLE AND VIRTUAL

- No need to travel. Participation takes just one hour of your day.
- Register for the program at no cost, and get reminders for upcoming sessions.
- Sessions are held via Zoom.
- Submit real world scenarios (if you want) for expert review and consultation during sessions.

### BENEFITS FROM PARTICIPATION

- A learning community of providers like you.
- Presentations from subject matter experts on topics you help to select.
- Suggestions on managing your most complex clients.
- Free training hours.



## What to Expect

- Experts dedicated to sharing knowledge with you and learning from you
- A welcoming atmosphere where people feel comfortable participating
- Responsiveness to your feedback on evaluations
- Respect for your experiences, skills and time
- Increased knowledge

## Project ECHO

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an internationally-recognized, evidence-based approach to continuing education and tele-mentoring that leverages the power of sharing knowledge across miles and across disciplines. Project ECHO started at Penn State College of Medicine in 2018 and aims to improve health outcomes and access to care within and beyond Pennsylvania.

