

**C.A.P.T.A.I.N- Antelope Valley SELPA**  
**California Autism Professional Training and Information Network**

**What is CAPTAIN?**

Statewide access to trainings in Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) that are locally based (Trainer of Trainers at the local level), culturally sensitive, family centered, cost effective, and competency based.

Our SELPA will be promoting the use of the 27 evidence based practices when working with students with Autism by:

- Training professionals at the SELPA level
  - 4 trainings annually (1 overview of EBP, 3 trainings on specific EBP)
- Our SELPA cadre will coach district/site level teams in implementation of EBPs
  - Coaching
  - Training
  - Monthly meetings
  - Technical assistance
  - Fidelity checks
- Disseminate information for professional development through access to the Autism Internet Modules (AIM) and other Web based access to material and resources

**What does this mean for your district?**

- We are looking for 4 district teams from 4 different districts.
- You will select/establish a district team leader (Administrator, Program Specialist, Coordinator) that is willing to invest **TIME AND ENERGY** in ensuring that your district is using EBP's when teaching students with Autism.
- You will also select a site based team (Teacher, Psych, SLP, OT, Para's) that will learn about the EBP's and select one to focus on for the year. ***This will require release time for training, observations, and meetings.***
- The district/site team will select one student to implement the selected EBP with and collect data on progress with hopes of generalizing to other students.
- After the year of implementation/data collection, the team will be responsible for "paying it forward" to another site team within your district by providing support in learning about and implementing EBP's.

*\*Some funds **may** be required to support EBP's (laminators, Velcro, ipads, books, binders, software/hardware...)*

**WHY should you participate?**

- It is WHAT'S BEST for kids and ensures that we are using researched based interventions!
- CAPTAIN is state and nationally recognized (gaining publicity)
- The EBP's and training modules are legally defensible
- Data driven
- Your teams and sites will receive recognition for completing the year-long program
- Can directly impact the Academic, Behavior, Social, and Mental Health of your students with Autism Spectrum Disorders