www.captain.ca.gov/handouts.html
The Americans with Disabilities Act celebrates 25 years of removing barriers and empowering people.
How many children are there with ASD in California schools?

CA Department of Special Education
Special Education Enrollment by Age & Disability

December 2009-2010 Reporting Cycle=59,592
December 2010-2011 Reporting Cycle=65,815
December 2011-2012 Reporting Cycle=71,702 [10.5%]
December 2012-2013 Reporting Cycle=78,624 [11.3%]
December 2013-14 Reporting Cycle=84,713 [12%]

December 2014 Reporting Cycle

90,794 Students

[+6,081 new students identified with ASD in one year!]
[12.6% of Special Education Students in CA]

Source: www.cde.ca.gov/ds
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Source: http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/

Autism = 90,794
Prevalence of ASD in CA Schools
(number of students receiving Special Education Services)

Age Distribution: ASD with IEP (Dec 2013)

Tsunami of Young Adults with Autism Face Uncertain Future, Unemployment Crisis
News | July 28, 2015

Autism costs estimated to reach nearly $500 billion, potentially $1 trillion, by 2025

Published online: Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, 2015 Jul 17


Amendments to State Regulations on Eligibility for Autism Effective July 1, 2014
§ 3030. Eligibility Criteria.

5 CCR § 3030

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(a) A child shall qualify as an individual with exceptional needs, pursuant to Education Code section 56026, if the results of the assessment as required by Education Code section 56320 demonstrate that the degree of the child's impairment as described in subdivisions (b)(1) through (b)(13) requires special education in one or more of the program options authorized by Education Code section 56361. The decision as to whether or not the assessment results demonstrate that the degree of the child's impairment requires special education shall be made by the IEP team, including personnel in accordance with Education Code section 56341(b). The IEP team shall take into account all the relevant material which is available on the child. No single score or product of scores shall be used as the sole criterion for the decision of the IEP team as to the child's eligibility for special education.

(b) The disability terms used in defining an individual with exceptional needs are as follows:

(1) Autism means a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age three, and adversely affecting a child's educational performance. Other characteristics often associated with autism are engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements, resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines, and unusual responses to sensory experiences.

(A) Autism does not apply if a child's educational performance is adversely affected primarily because the child has an emotional disturbance, as defined in subdivision (b)(4) of this section.

(B) A child who manifests the characteristics of autism after age three could be identified as having autism if the criteria in subdivision (b)(1) of this section are satisfied.
Amendments to State Regulations on Autism Eligibility

The new CA Code of Regulations:

– deletes the term "autistic-like behaviors"

– adds the term "characteristics often associated with autism"
Amendments to State Regulations on Autism Eligibility

The list of "autistic-like behaviors" has been amended to align with federal requirements, but is substantively similar:

• engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements;

• resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines; and

• unusual responses to sensory experiences.
CDE recently updated the state’s special education regulations to align them with current state laws and federal requirements. In addition to making the regulations current, the amendments may:

- Help to remove confusion among educators when state and federal eligibility requirements for determining whether a student has autism are inconsistent
- Help to ensure that students with autism are appropriately identified, and receive the appropriate services for their needs.
Amendments to State Regulations on Autism Eligibility
California Code of Regulations
5 CCR § 3030. Eligibility Criteria.

Prior to July 1, 2014

3030 (g) A pupil exhibits any combination of the following autistic-like behaviors, to include but not limited to:

(1) An inability to use oral language for appropriate communication.

(2) A history of extreme withdrawal or relating to people inappropriately and continued impairment in social interaction from infancy through early childhood.

(3) An obsession to maintain sameness.

(4) Extreme preoccupation with objects or inappropriate use of objects, or both.

(5) Extreme resistance to controls.

(6) Displays peculiar motoric mannerisms and motility patterns.

(7) Self-stimulating, ritualistic behavior.

July 1, 2014

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So......

....what guides us in determining eligibility for special education for autism in California public schools?
For purposes of this chapter, a "pupil with autism" is a pupil who exhibits autistic-like behaviors, including, but not limited to, any of the following behaviors, or any combination thereof:

1. An inability to use oral language for appropriate communication.
2. A history of extreme withdrawal or of relating to people inappropriately, and continued impairment in social interaction from infancy through early childhood.
3. An obsession to maintain sameness.
4. Extreme preoccupation with objects, inappropriate use of objects, or both.
5. Extreme resistance to controls.
6. A display of peculiar motoric mannerisms and motility patterns.
7. Self-stimulating, ritualistic behavior.

b) The definition of "pupil with autism" in subdivision (a) shall not apply for purposes of the determination of eligibility for services pursuant to the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

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(07/01/2014)

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Regional Center Updates

Developmental Center Closures

– Sonoma Developmental Center in 2018 (approx. 390 clients)

– Fairview Development Center to follow (approx. 270 clients)

– Non-secure portions of Porterville in 2021

– Expanded funding for Regional Center service development through Community Placement Plan (CPP)
More Regional Center Updates

• Self Determination Program- 3 year phase in IPPs written in threshold languages within 45 days
  – Threshold= 3000 or 5% Medi-Cal beneficiaries in area
  – Cost neutral change- no additional funding for translation

• Changes to regulations for secure perimeter treatment facilities

• Increase number of enhanced behavior support homes piloted
Medi-Cal
Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT)

Authority for BHT:  Health & Safety Code §1374.73

• (c) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
  • (1) “Behavioral health treatment” means professional services and treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis and evidence-based behavior intervention programs, that develop or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual with pervasive developmental disorder or autism.
Medi-Cal Transition Plan

The transition will begin on February 1, 2016 according to the number of beneficiaries in the Plan’s county:

- **Counties with ≤100 beneficiaries** will transition all beneficiaries at once on February 1, 2016.

- **Counties with >100 beneficiaries** will start the transition on February 1 by the beneficiary’s birth month over a period of 6 months.

- **Los Angeles County** will transition beneficiaries by regional center over a period of 6 months.
CAPTAIN and BHT

• Regional Centers partnering with Managed Care Plans to share information on evidence based practices and service delivery models

• CAPTAIN Leadership team members met with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
  – DHCS adopting NSP2 and NPDC as standards of EBPs
  – Discussed multi-system collaboration for screening, diagnosis and assessment
## Service Delivery Models

### Therapist Delivered

BHT is delivered in a 1, 2, or 3 tiered model using Qualified Autism Service Provider, Qualified Autism Service Professional, and Qualified Autism Service Paraprofessional.

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<td>An evidence-based practice (EBP) is a teaching method used to teach a specific skill that has been shown to be effective based on high-quality research (Cook, Tankersly, &amp; Landrum, 2009; Odom, Brantlinger, Gersten, Horner, Thompson, &amp; Harris, 2005).</td>
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### Parent Delivered

Parent training and coaching provided by a Qualified Autism Service Provider/Professional.

| Through consultation and coaching, parents are trained to teach skills, support appropriate behaviors, and provide opportunities for skill generalization and maintenance. Must be included in comprehensive programs. | Parent Implemented Intervention |

### Peer/Natural Support Delivered

Intervention provided by naturally occurring supports, including environmental supports and/or trained peers. Peers and others are typically trained by a Qualified Autism Service Provider/Professional.

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### Self Delivered

Therapeutic strategies are taught to an individual for independent use.

| Individual is taught to self monitor and independently manage specific behaviors or skills; OR person is taught to recognize and change interfering thoughts and feelings. May be included in late stages of comprehensive treatment as child matures enough to develop impulse control and awareness of behaviors. | Self-Management Training |
| Cognitive Behavior Intervention |

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Adapted from:

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http://fpg.unc.edu/subscribe-enews

Free Resources: Blueprint Shows How to Improve Early Childhood Pre-Service Programs
Also available at no cost are resources on cultural and linguistic diversity, science, and math... more

Teaching Math to Young Children: Practice Guide Offers Tips for Ages 3-6
In case you missed it, this free guide provides recommendations and solutions for teaching math to preschool, pre-K, and kindergarten children... more

Launch: FPG and Partners Open New Center on Early Childhood
The center will help improve outcomes for children and support professional development for providers... more

3 Million Page Views: FPG's Widely-Used CONNECT Content Supports New Federal Policy
FPG's globally-popular online modules and courses help professionals work with young children in inclusive settings... more

New FPG Study: Pre-K "Significantly Improves" Student Readiness
Students in Georgia's Pre-K program show educational improvement in key areas and progress at a greater rate while participating in the program... more

TED II: Kate Gallagher's New TED Talk Poised to Become Most Viewed
The sequel to UNC's most popular TED talk of the year is live—and it's about to become the most watched talk from this year's TED event in Memphis... more

Now Available: Free Learning Modules Are Online from FPG's Autism Experts
This online instruction teaches how to use evidence-based practices for learners with autism from birth to age 22... more

Portal: The ECTA Center Provides Connections to Resources for Families / para Familias
FPG's Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center regularly links professionals to a wealth of news and information, and it also provides connections to resources for families in English and en Español... more
Your Leadership Team is Spreading the Word about CAPTAIN!

- ACSE (Advisory Commission on Special Education)
- CARS+ (Organization for Special Educators)
- CASP (California Association of School Psychologists)
- ACSA (Association of California School Administrators)
- CSHA (CA Speech-Language Hearing Association)
- AUCD (Association of UC Centers on Disabilities)
- DHCS (Department of Health Care Services)
- Regional Centers Chief Counsel State Meeting
- SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area State Directors Meetings)
- SEACO (Special Education Administrators of County Offices)
- Central Valley Post Secondary/Teacher Preparation Meetings

And....

- White paper being developed about CAPTAIN process and outcomes for professional journal publication
Did you know.....

The tri-fold CAPTAIN brochure is available for you to print?

Go to the **ABOUT** tab on the CAPTAIN website!
Did you know.....

The self-learning module about ASD “Autism Across the Lifespan” will soon be available free at:

www.coursera.org

Keep checking! 😊
Did you know...

Photos of the North & South CAPTAIN Showcase posters will be on the CAPTAIN website next week? 😊
What are Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) for ASD?
How many results do you think you would get if you did a Google search for: “AUTISM TREATMENT”?
Results 70,100,000 for “AUTISM TREATMENT”!!!!
(November 3, 2015)
Myriad of ASD Treatments

• Treatments for ASD are more diverse than any other known disability

• Treatment claims range from amelioration to recovery

• Many interventions with no scientific evidence have been recommended for individuals with ASD
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http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/
http://asdtoddler.fpg.unc.edu
www.captain.ca.gov

www.nationalautismcenter.org
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A History of Systematic Reviews of the Literature for Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)

• In 2009, 11 Established Treatments
  – Reviewed by National Standards Project from National Autism Center, Phase 1 (NSP1)
  – Included research for the years: 1957-2007

www.nationalautismcenter.org
A History of Systematic Reviews of the Literature for Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)

• In 2010, 24 EBPs
  – National Professional Development Center (NPDC)
  – Included 10 years, 1997-2007

• In 2014, 27 EBPs
  – 2nd review by NPDC
  – Included 22 years, 1990-2011
    • 29,101 possible studies ➔ 456 studies
    • RCT, quasi-experimental, single case design
  – Strength of evidence for assessment
  – Based on number, type of studies using each EBP

http://autismpdct.fpg.unc.edu/
A History of Systematic Reviews of the Literature for Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)

• In 2015, 14 Established Interventions Under Age 22
  1 Established Intervention Age 22+
  – 2nd Review by National Standards Project, National Autism Center, Phase 2 (NSP2)

• Reviewed studies published in peer reviewed journals between 2007 and February of 2012
  – 351 articles (ages 0-22) and 27 articles (ages 22+)
  – included studies if the interventions could be implemented in or by school systems, early intervention, home, hospital, vocational, and/or community-based programs or in clinic settings

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## 2 Important ASD EBP Resources

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- National Standards Project Report-Phase NSP2: April 2015

Additional Resources:
- [Autism Professional Development Center](http://autismpdcc.fpg.unc.edu)
- [AFIRM](http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/)
- [ASD Toddler](http://asdtoddler.fpg.unc.edu)
- [CAPTAIN](http://www.captain.ca.gov)
- [National Autism Center](http://www.nationalautismcenter.org)
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Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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What’s in this report?
Definition of EBP (NPDC)

NPDC definition of an EBP:

“Focused intervention practices that have substantial evidence for effectiveness in promoting positive outcomes for learners with ASD”
NPDC Criteria for EBP

To be considered an EBP for individuals with ASD, efficacy must be established through peer-reviewed research in scientific journals using:

- At least two high quality experimental or quasi-experimental group design articles conducted by at least two different researchers or research groups

OR

- At least five high quality single case design articles conducted by at least three different researchers or research groups having a total of at least 20 participants across studies

OR

- A combination of at least one high quality experimental or quasi-experimental group design article and at least three high quality single case design articles conducted by at least two different research groups
What are these 27 EBPs?

The 27 EBPs are listed and defined in Table 7 of the report!
Antecedent-based interventions
Cognitive behavioral intervention*
Differential reinforcement
Discrete trial training
Exercise*
Extinction
Functional behavior assessment
Functional communication training
Modeling*
Naturalistic interventions
Parent-implemented intervention
Peer-mediated instruction/intervention
Picture Exchange Communication System™

Pivotal response training
Prompting
Reinforcement
Response interruption/redirection
Scripting*
Self-management
Social narratives
Social skills training
Structured play groups*
Task analysis
Technology-aided intervention/instruction*
Time delay
Video modeling
Visual supports

* Added from 2014 literature review
### Definitions of 27 EBPs

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<td>Cognitive behavioral intervention (CBI)</td>
<td>Instruction on management or control of cognitive processes that lead to changes in overt behavior.</td>
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<td>Differential reinforcement of Alternative, Incompatible, or Other Behavior (DRA/VO)</td>
<td>Provision of positive/desirable consequences for behaviors or their absence that reduce the occurrence of an undesirable behavior. Reinforcement provided: a) when the learner is engaging in a specific desired behavior other than the inappropriate behavior (DRA), b) when the learner is engaging in a behavior that is physically impossible to do while exhibiting the inappropriate behavior (DRA), or c) when the learner is not engaging in the interfering behavior (DRA).</td>
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<td>Discrete trial teaching (DTT)</td>
<td>Instructional process usually involving one teacher/service provider and one student/client and designed to teach appropriate behavior or skills. Instruction usually involves massed trials. Each trial consists of the teacher's instruction/presentation, the child's response, a carefully planned consequence, and a pause prior to presenting the next instruction.</td>
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<td>Increase in physical exertion as a means of reducing problem behaviors or increasing appropriate behavior.</td>
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<td>Extinction (EXT)</td>
<td>Withdrawal or removal of reinforcers of interfering behavior in order to reduce the occurrence of that behavior. Although sometimes used as a single intervention practice, extinction often occurs in combination with functional behavior assessment, functional communication training, and differential reinforcement.</td>
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<td>Functional assessment (FBA)</td>
<td>Systematic collection of information about an interfering behavior designed to identify functional contingencies that support the behavior. FBA consists of describing the interfering or problem behavior, identifying antecedent or consequent events that control the behavior, developing a hypothesis of the function of the behavior, and/or testing the hypothesis.</td>
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<td>Functional communication training (FCT)</td>
<td>Replacement of interfering behavior that has a communication function with a more appropriate communication that accomplishes the same function. FCT usually includes FBA, DRA, and/or EX.</td>
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<td>Demonstration of a desired target behavior that results in imitation of the behavior by the learner and that leads to the acquisition of the imitated behavior. This EBP is often combined with other strategies such as prompting and reinforcement.</td>
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<td>Naturalistic intervention (NI)</td>
<td>Intervention strategies that occur within the typical setting/activities/routines in which the learner participates. Teachers/service providers establish the learner's interest in a learning event through arrangement of the setting/activity/routine, provide necessary support for the learner to engage in the targeted behavior, elaborate on the behavior when it occurs, and/or arrange natural consequences for the targeted behavior or skills.</td>
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<td>Parent-implemented intervention (PII)</td>
<td>Parents provide individualized intervention to their child to improve/increase a wide variety of skills and/or to reduce interfering behaviors. Parents learn to deliver interventions in their home and/or community through a structured parent training program.</td>
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<td>Peer-mediated instruction and intervention (PMII)</td>
<td>Typically developing peers interact with and/or help children and youth with ASD to acquire new behavior, communication, and social skills by increasing social and learning opportunities within natural environments. Teachers/service providers systematically teach peers strategies for engaging children and youth with ASD in positive and extended social interactions in both teacher-directed and learner-initiated activities.</td>
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<td>Learners are initially taught to give a picture of a desired item to a communicative partner in exchange for the desired item. PECS consists of six phases which are: (1) “how” to communicate, (2) distance and persistence, (3) picture discrimination, (4) sentence structure, (5) responsive requesting, and (6) commenting.</td>
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<td><strong>Prompting (PP)</strong></td>
<td>Verbal, gestural, or physical assistance given to learners to assist them in acquiring or engaging in a targeted behavior or skill. Prompts are generally given by an adult or peer before or as a learner attempts to use a skill.</td>
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<td><strong>Response interruption/redirection (IRR)</strong></td>
<td>Introduction of a prompt, comment, or other distracters when an interfering behavior is occurring that is designed to divert the learner’s attention away from the interfering behavior and results in its reduction.</td>
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<td><strong>Scripting (SC)</strong></td>
<td>A verbal and/or written description about a specific skill or situation that serves as a model for the learner. Scripts are usually practiced repeatedly before the skill is used in the actual situation.</td>
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<td><strong>Self-management (SM)</strong></td>
<td>Instruction focusing on learners discriminating between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, accurately monitoring and recording their own behaviors, and rewarding themselves for behaving appropriately.</td>
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<td><strong>Social narratives (SN)</strong></td>
<td>Narratives that describe social situations in some detail by highlighting relevant cues and offering examples of appropriate responding. Social narratives are individualized according to learner needs and typically are quite short, perhaps including pictures or other visual aids.</td>
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<td><strong>Social skills training (SST)</strong></td>
<td>Group or individual instruction designed to teach learners with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) ways to appropriately interact with peers, adults, and other individuals. Most social skill meetings include instruction on basic concepts, role-playing or practice, and feedback to help learners with ASD acquire and practice communication, play, or social skills to promote positive interactions with peers.</td>
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<td><strong>Structured play group (SPG)</strong></td>
<td>Small group activities characterized by their occurrences in a defined area and with a defined activity, the specific selection of typically developing peers to be in the group, a clear delineation of theme and roles by adult leading, prompting, or scaffolding as needed to support students’ performance related to the goals of the activity.</td>
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<td><strong>Task analysis (TA)</strong></td>
<td>A process in which an activity or behavior is divided into small, manageable steps in order to assess and teach the skill. Other practices, such as reinforcement, video modeling, or time delay, are often used to facilitate acquisition of the smaller steps.</td>
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<td>Instruction or interventions in which technology is the central feature supporting the acquisition of a goal for the learner. Technology is defined as “any electronic item/ equipment/application/or virtual network that is used intentionally to increase/maintain, and/or improve daily living, work/productivity, and recreation/leisure capabilities of adolescents with autism spectrum disorders” (Odom, Thompson, et al., 2013).</td>
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<td>A visual model of the targeted behavior or skill (typically in the behavior, communication, play, or social domains), provided via video recording and display equipment to assist learning in or engaging in a desired behavior or skill.</td>
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<td><strong>Visual support (VS)</strong></td>
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FACT SHEETS AVAILABLE IN THE REPORT FOR EACH OF THE 27 EBPs

Definition of the intervention

Age range of participants

Type of outcomes it has generated

- Citations for the specific articles that provide the evidence for the efficacy of the practice
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27 EBPs Matrix
Available on the CAPTAIN Website
English and Spanish!
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Implementation Fidelity is Critical!

What does this mean?

“Implementing an intervention in the same manner in which it was done in the evidence-based research”
Implementation Fidelity is Critical!

How implementation fidelity achieved:

1. Use Briefs and Implementation Checklists for the EBP to capture fidelity of implementation
2. Refer to EBP Fact Sheets
3. Use self-learning modules on practices
4. Attend training on the practice
5. Access coaching on the EBP until fidelity is attained
Brief Packages For Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)

Brief Package Ensures Fidelity and Consists of:

- Overview of practice
- Evidence-base for practice
- Steps for implementation
- Implementation Checklist
- Data Collection Forms
Since 2007, the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder (NPDC) has worked to develop free professional resources for teachers, therapists, and technical assistance providers who work with individuals with ASD. Resources include detailed information on how to plan, implement, and monitor specific evidence-based practices.
WHAT ARE EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES?

Many interventions exist for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Yet, scientific research has found only some of these interventions to be effective. The interventions that researchers have shown to be effective are called evidence-based practices (EBP). One reason for using EBPs is because, by law, teaching practices must be based on evidence of effectiveness.

WHAT EBPS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED?

The NPDC used a rigorous criteria to classify 27 focused interventions as EBPs in 2014. The 27 identified EBPs have been shown through scientific research to be effective when implemented correctly with students with ASD. The NPDC is currently developing online modules, called AWM, for each of the 27 identified practices.

You can currently access online modules for the original 24 evidence-based practices on the Autism Internet Modules (AIM) website from the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI).

Select an EBP below to access a brief about the practice. Each brief provides an overview and general description, step-by-step instructions of implementation, an implementation checklist, and the evidence-base which includes the list of references that demonstrate the practice meets the NPDC’s criteria.

To print out a specific section of a brief, download the EBPs and open using Adobe Reader. You can navigate to different sections of the brief using the menu tree in the left while viewing in Adobe Reader.

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**EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES**

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* Indicates new EBP identified in 2014. Practice briefs are not available for these practices, but are currently being developed as part of AWM.

See the working definitions of each EBP in this excerpt from the 2014 Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder report. The full report is available here.
Evidence-Based Practice Brief

Module: Video Modeling

Evidence-Based Practice Brief: Video Modeling

This evidence-based practice brief on video modeling includes the following components:

1. Overview, which gives a quick summary of salient features of the practice, including what it is, who it can be used with, what skills it has been used with, settings for instruction, and additional literature documenting its use in practice
2. Steps for Implementation, detailing how to implement the practice in a practitioner-friendly, step-by-step process
3. Implementation Checklist, to be used to monitor fidelity of the use of the practice
4. Evidence Base Summary, which details the NPDC-ASD criteria for inclusion as an evidence-based practice and the specific studies that meet the criteria for this practice
Module: Video Modeling

Steps for Implementation: Video Modeling

These steps for implementation were adapted from:


The implementation process for video modeling is similar for each type of video modeling strategy (i.e., basic video modeling, video self-modeling, point-of-view modeling, video prompting). Ten steps are outlined below which describe how video modeling is implemented with learners with ASD.

Step 1. Targeting a Behavior for Teaching

In Step 1, teachers/practitioners focus on identifying a behavior for the learner with ASD to acquire and then clearly describe it so that accurate data can be collected throughout the modeling process.
Module: Video Modeling

Implementation Checklist for Video Modeling

The implementation checklist steps were adapted from:


**Instructions**: The Implementation Checklist includes each step in the process of implementing video modeling. Please complete all of the requested information including the site and state, individual being observed, and the learner’s initials. To assure that a practice is being implemented as intended, an observation is always preferable. This may not always be possible. Thus, items may be scored based on observations with the implementer, discussions and/or record review as appropriate. Within the table, record a 2 (implemented), 1 (partially implemented), 0 (did not implement), or NA (not applicable) next to each step observed to indicate to what extent the step was implemented/addressed during your observation. Use the last page of the checklist to record the target skill, your comments, whether others were present, and plans for next steps for each observation.

Site: ___________________________  State: ___________________________

Individual(s) Observed: ___________________________  Learner’s Initials: ___________________________

**Skills below can be implemented by a practitioner, parent, or other team member**

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**Planning (Steps 1 – 6)**

**Step 1. Targeting a Behavior for Teaching**

1. Identify a target behavior that is important to be taught.

2. Define and describe the target behavior so that it is observable and measurable.

**Step 2. Having the Correct Equipment**
AFIRM

Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/npdc-resources

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NEW!

AFIRM Modules

Promoting

Use prompting to reduce incorrect responding as learners with ASD acquire new skills.

Learn more about Prompting

AFIRM Modules

AFIRM Modules are designed to help you learn the step-by-step process of planning for, using, and monitoring an EBP with learners with ASD from birth to 22 years of age. Supplemental materials and handouts are available for download.

Visit the Learn with AFIRM section to find out more.

Available EBP Modules

New EBP Learning Modules
AFIRM
Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

• Modules Include:

  – Key components of an EBP including the various approaches that can be used with learners with ASD

  – Behaviors and skills that can be addressed using the practice

  – A step-by-step process for applying the practice

  – Specific resources that you can download and customize for your own use
AFIRM
Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

What you’ll learn with AFIRM Modules:

- Key components of an EBP
- Behaviors and skills that can be addressed
- A step-by-step process for applying the practice
- Specific resources that you can download and customize for your own use

You can even choose to earn a Certificate!
AFIRM

8 of the 27 EBP Modules Available as of 11/14/15

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Next to be developed:

- FBA  Functional Behavior Assessment
- SST  Social Skills Training
SELF LEARNING MODULES FOR TODDLERS!
NPDC-ASD Early Start Website
http://asdtoddler.fpg.unc.edu
www.captain.ca.gov
SELF LEARNING MODULES FOR TODDLERS!
(Young Children Birth to 3)
http://asdtoddler.fpg.unc.edu
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6 Toddler Modules Available as of 11/3/15

• Prompting
• Naturalistic Instruction
• Pivotal Response
• Functional Behavior Assessment
• Reinforcement
• Video Modeling
YET MORE SELF LEARNING MODULES ON EBPs
Autism Internet Modules
www.autisminternetmodules.org
www.captain.ca.gov
Online learning modules includes information on:

- Evidence-based practices and interventions
- Recognizing and understanding behaviors
- Assessment and identification of ASDs
- Transition to adulthood and employment
45 Autism Internet Modules so far....
25 more on the way!

- Antecedent-Based Interventions (ABI)
- ASD-4-EI: What Early Interventionists Should Know
- Assessment for Identification
- Autism and Medication
- Autism and the Biopsychosocial Model: Body, Mind, and Community
- Cognitive Differences
- Comprehensive Program Planning for Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Computer-Aided Instruction
- Customized Employment
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- Extinction
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- Language and Communication
- Naturalistic Intervention
- Overview of Social Skills Functioning and Programming
- Parent-Implemented Intervention
- Peer-Mediated Instruction and Intervention (PMII)
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- Pivotal Response Training (PRT)
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- Screening Across the Lifespan for Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Self-Management
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- Social Narratives
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- Speech Generating Devices (SGD)
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- Structured Work Systems and Activity Organization
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- Task Analysis
- The Employee with Autism
- The Incredible 5-Point Scale
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- Visual Supports
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Based on research conducted in the field from 2007 to February 2012

Provides an update to the previously published summary of empirical treatment literature (2009)

351 articles (ages 0-22) and 27 articles (ages 22+)

included studies if the interventions could be implemented in or by school systems, early intervention, home, hospital, vocational, and/or community-based programs or in clinic settings

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Strength of Evidence Classification System

**Established:**
Sufficient evidence is available to confidently determine that an intervention produces favorable outcomes for individuals on the autism spectrum. That is, these interventions are established as effective.

**Emerging:**
Although one or more studies suggest that an intervention produces favorable outcomes for individuals with ASD, additional high quality studies must consistently show this outcome before we can draw firm conclusions about intervention effectiveness.

**Unestablished:**
There is little or no evidence to allow us to draw firm conclusions about intervention effectiveness with individuals with ASD. Additional research may show the intervention to be effective, ineffective, or harmful.
The National Standards Project-Phase 2 (NSP2)

Overall Findings for Individuals Under Age 22

• 14 Established Interventions

• 18 Emerging Interventions

• 13 Unestablished Interventions
The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Established level of evidence:

- Behavioral Interventions
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package
- Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment for Young Children
- Language Training (Production)
- Modeling
- Natural Teaching Strategies
- Parent Training
- Peer Training Package
- Pivotal Response Training
- Schedules
- Scripting
- Self-Management
- Social Skills Package
- Story-based Intervention
Emerging Interventions are those for which one or more studies suggest they may produce favorable outcomes. However, before we can be fully confident that the interventions are effective, additional high quality studies are needed that consistently show these interventions to be effective for individuals with ASD. Based on the available evidence, we are not yet in a position to rule out the possibility that Emerging Interventions are, in fact, not effective.

A large number of studies fall into the Emerging level of evidence. We believe scientists should find fertile ground for further research in these areas.

The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Emerging level of evidence:

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices
- Developmental Relationship-based Treatment
- Exercise
- Exposure Package
- Functional Communication Training
- Imitation-based Intervention
- Initiation Training
- Language Training (Production & Understanding)
- Massage Therapy
- Multi-component Package
- Music Therapy
- Picture Exchange Communication System
- Reductive Package
- Sign Instruction
- Social Communication Intervention
- Structured Teaching
- Technology-based Intervention
- Theory of Mind Training

**18 EMERGING INTERVENTIONS**

(for individuals under age 22)
Unestablished Interventions are those for which there is little or no evidence in the scientific literature that allows us to draw firm conclusions about their effectiveness with individuals with ASD. There is no reason to assume these interventions are effective. Further, there is no way to rule out the possibility these interventions are ineffective or harmful.

The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Unestablished level of evidence:

- Animal-assisted Therapy
- Auditory Integration Training
- Concept Mapping
- DIR/Floor Time
- Facilitated Communication
- Gluten-free/Casein-free diet
- Movement-based Intervention
- SENSE Theatre Intervention
- Sensory Intervention Package
- Shock Therapy
- Social Behavioral Learning Strategy
- Social Cognition Intervention
- Social Thinking Intervention

13 UNESTABLISHED INTERVENTIONS (for individuals under age 22)
Established Interventions for Adults

The only intervention to be identified as established for individuals ages 22 years and older is Behavioral Interventions. The Behavioral Intervention category consists of applied behavior analytic interventions to increase adaptive behaviors and decrease challenging behaviors. Examples of specific strategies identified in the 17 articles supporting Behavioral Interventions are provided in the table on the following page.

Emerging Interventions for Adults

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- Vocational Training Package

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- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package
- Modeling
- Music Therapy
- Sensory Integration Package
Another Reliable Resource for Older Individuals with ASD

www.csesa.fpg.unc.edu
NSP2 Example of EBP

Modeling

Established Intervention

One of the most effective ways to teach someone what to do is to show him or her how to do it. The goal of modeling is to correctly demonstrate a target behavior to the person learning the new skill, so that person can then imitate the model. Children can learn a great deal from observing the behavior of parents, siblings, peers, and teachers, but they often need to be taught what behaviors should be imitated.

Basic Facts

Number of articles reviewed:
NSP1 = 51  NSP2 = 28

Effective ages: Children and adolescents 3-18 years

Skills increased:
- higher cognitive functions (NSP1)
- academic (NSP2)
- communication, interpersonal, personal responsibility, and play (NSP1/2)

Behaviors decreased:
- problem behaviors (NSP1)
- sensory or emotional regulation (NSP1)

Detailed Description

There are two types of modeling—live and video modeling. Live modeling occurs when a person demonstrates the target behavior in the presence of the child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). When providing live modeling:
- Clearly outline, in writing, the target behavior to model.
- Ensure all individuals modeling the target behavior are doing so in a consistent manner. It may be helpful for parents/caregivers/therapists to practice together to make certain each person provides the same model.
- Obtain the child’s attention prior to modeling the target behavior.
- Develop a plan to fade or stop the use of modeling to encourage the child to independently display the target behavior.

Video modeling occurs when you pre-record a person demonstrating the target behavior. Video modeling can be a great option for children/adolescents with an affinity for television shows, movies, or interest in seeing themselves on a monitor (i.e., television screen, computer monitor, video recorder monitor). Some children/adolescents may enjoy assisting in the production of the video.
Established Interventions have sufficient evidence of effectiveness

“We recommend the decision-making team give serious consideration to these interventions because:

• these interventions have produced beneficial effects for individuals involved in the research studies published in the scientific literature

• access to interventions that work can be expected to produce more positive long-term outcomes

• there is no evidence of harmful effects

However, it should not be assumed that these interventions will universally produce favorable outcomes for all individuals with ASD”
NSP2
Recommendations For Intervention Selection

EMERGING INTERVENTIONS

“We generally do not recommend beginning with these interventions

However, Emerging Interventions should be considered promising and warrant serious consideration if Established Interventions are deemed inappropriate by the decision-making team, or were unsuccessful in producing positive outcomes”
NSP2
Recommendations For Intervention Selection

UNESTABLISHED INTERVENTIONS

“Unestablished Interventions either have no research support or the research that has been conducted does not allow us to draw firm conclusions about intervention effectiveness for individuals with ASD.

When this is the case, decision-makers simply do not know if this intervention is effective, ineffective, or harmful because researchers have not conducted any or enough high-quality research.

Given how little is known about these interventions, we would recommend considering these interventions only after additional research has been conducted and this research reveals favorable outcomes for individuals with ASD.”
CAPTAIN Recommends

- Use 27 EBPs from NPDC
- Use 14 Established Interventions for Ages 0-22 from NAC
- Use 1 Established Intervention for Ages 22+ from NAC
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Why Are these EBP resources so important?
Knowing of these EBPs:

– helps us know which treatments have evidence of effectiveness and which treatments do not

– allows us to make informed decisions when we select treatments

– provides us with the opportunity to support individuals with ASD in reaching their full potential
Implementing EBPs goes right along with……

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEA 2004  * Sec. 300.320
Definition of Individualized Education Program......

......(4) A statement of the special education and related services and supplementary aids and services, based on peer-reviewed research to the extent practicable, to be provided to the child, or on behalf of the child, and a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided to enable the child--
(i) To advance appropriately toward attaining the annual goals;
(ii) To be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and to participate in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities; and
(iii) To be educated and participate with other children with disabilities and nondisabled children in the activities described in this section;......
IDEA 2004
Part C: Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

SEC. 635. REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE SYSTEM
(a) In General.--A statewide system described in section 633 shall include, at a minimum, the following components:

(2) A State policy that is in effect and that ensures that appropriate early intervention services based on scientifically based research, to the extent practicable, are available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, including Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on a reservation geographically located in the State and infants and toddlers with disabilities who are homeless children and their families.

SEC. 636. INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN
(d) Content of Plan.--The individualized family service plan shall be in writing and contain--

(4) a statement of specific early intervention services based on peer-reviewed research, to the extent practicable, necessary to meet the unique needs of the infant or toddler and the family, including the frequency, intensity, and method of delivering services;
Implementing These EBPs goes right along with…….

CDE’s encouragement of the use of Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) as a framework for implementation of CCSS for the success of all students.
Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS): A Comprehensive Framework for Implementing the CCSS

www.mydigitalchalkboard.org
Implementing the CA CCSS Through MTSS

“...Implementing the Common Core State Standards within a framework of a Multi-Tiered System of Support will help ensure that all students have an evidence-based system of instruction to assist them in achieving success.”

(Gamm, Elliott, Halbert, et. al., 2012)
Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS): A Comprehensive Framework for Implementing CCSS

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MTSS Principles and Practices

- Early Intervention
- Multi-tiered model
- Evidence-based supports and practices
- Fluidly driven by data
- Individualized interventions
- Principles of UDL

- Differentiated learning
- Integration of intervention and instructional supports
- Classroom instruction aligned with the CA CCSS
- Strong, predictable, and consistent classroom management structures

(www.kansasmtss.org)
Implementing EBPs Aligns With CCSS Instruction and UDL

The principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) provide a framework for educators to use:

• multiple ways to teach the content

• multiple ways for students to demonstrate knowledge

• multiple ways to engage ALL learners
Implementing EBPs goes right along with Senate Bill 946......

Health and Safety Code Section 1374.73 (4)(c)(1)
Insurance Code Section 10144.51 (4)(c)(1)

"Behavioral health treatment" means professional services and treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis and evidence-based behavior intervention programs, that develop or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual with pervasive developmental disorder or autism and that meet all of the following criteria..."
Implementing EBPs goes right along with the Lanterman Act……

“4686.2. (b) Effective July 1, 2009, notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation to the contrary, regional centers shall:
(1) Only purchase ABA services or intensive behavioral intervention services that reflect evidence-based practices, promote positive social behaviors, and ameliorate behaviors that interfere with learning and social interactions……”
Implementing EBPs goes right along with Lanterman Act......

“4686.2. (d) (3) "Evidence-based practice" means a decision making process that integrates the best available scientifically rigorous research, clinical expertise, and individual's characteristics. Evidence-based practice is an approach to treatment rather than a specific treatment. Evidence-based practice promotes the collection, interpretation, integration, and continuous evaluation of valid, important, and applicable individual- or family-reported, clinically-observed, and research-supported evidence. The best available evidence, matched to consumer circumstances and preferences, is applied to ensure the quality of clinical judgments and facilitates the most cost-effective care. “
Teaching About EBPs….

• Requires adherence to best practices in professional development to ensure fidelity of implementation of those EBPs……

• All CAPTAIN Cadre are TRAINERS

• CAPTAIN requires all Cadre members to conduct training and disseminate information about ASD and EBPs

• Let’s look at what research says about training practices
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Effective Training Should Include

• Presentation that is well balanced between didactic lecture and visual media to support information sharing

• Should include some form of demonstration and/or discussions

• Should include role playing and/or hands on practice
If Application is Goal

- Administrative support is key
- Collecting and using data is critical
- Coaching is required
“Children and families cannot benefit from evidence-based practices that they do not experience”

-Fixsen, NIRN, 2006

http://implementation.fpg.unc.edu/
CAPTAIN Website
www.captain.ca.gov

You can easily access all these EBPs, NPDC tools and EBP Resources through the CAPTAIN website!
Use these Quick Links on the CAPTAIN website to access these EBP resources!
STAY CONNECTED and UP-TO-DATE!

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Welcome
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- CAPTAIN Leadership
- Learn the Signs, Act Early
- ASQ Early Childhood Transitions
- Grants
- ASD Toolkit Initiative
- Autism Ukraine Collaboration Parent Training
- CAPTAIN Partners
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- Family Resource Centers Network of California
- Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at LAC/UCR
- USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (USC UCEDD)
- California Department of Developmental Services

Social Media Links here
What are Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) for ASD?