



COLORADO

Department of Education

Autism: Communication Toolkit Training 2025-2026

Overview

This statewide training is for team members working directly with students with autism. The Communication Toolkit training is designed to:

- Support understanding of communication in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) including formal and informal measurement of communication abilities.
- Help participants develop a rationale and plan around “where to start” when developing communication systems for students with early emerging communication skills including coaching communication partners for success.
- Discuss Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) and match practice to the characteristics of individual students with ASD.
- Give participants a variety of interventions to support students with ASD in developing a functional communication system.

The Communication Toolkit training is designed for those who already have a foundational understanding of ASD.

Who Should Attend?

Certified school professionals involved directly with students with ASD, including school psychologists, special education teachers, occupational therapists, district administrators, and other certified staff who are part of the school team.

Costs

- The Exceptional Student Services Unit of the Colorado Department of Education provides the funding for the presenters.
- No reimbursement is provided to participants.

Certificates

- Participants will receive a certificate for 7 hours at the completion of all five modules.
- Partial credit will not be given.

When and where will this training take place?

This training will be conducted in a hybrid format. Course work will be organized into four self-paced Moodle modules followed by a 5th module which is a 1-hour live virtual Zoom session.

Participants must complete all 5 Modules to receive a certificate for 7 CDE hours. **Partial credit will not be given.**

Course Schedule

Round 1 Fall Course

- August 27, 2025: Course Opens
- October 7, 2025: Follow-Up Session 4:00 - 5:00pm
- October 8, 2025: Course Closes 6:00pm

Round 2 Spring Course

- January 22, 2026: Course Opens
- March 4, 2026: Follow-Up Session 9:00 -10:00am
- March 5, 2026: Course Closes 6:00pm

Only register for ONE Round. Both Round 1 and Round 2 are exactly the same. Duplicate registrations will not be accepted.

Registration Form

Questions? Contact Rhonda Danner, danner_r@cde.state.co.us