

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Leading the Way in Autism Research, Training, and Resources

Through research, education, and partnerships, our mission is to build capacity in our schools, higher education institutions, vocational settings, and broader communities to enhance the outcomes of individuals with autism spectrum disorders of all ages.

We do this through a variety of means:

- ▶ Direct support of school teams
- ▶ Outreach to parents/guardians, community members, and various professional groups
- ▶ Conferences and scholarly meetings
- ▶ Research and development of resources



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PROGRAMS

The Center of Excellence on Autism Spectrum Disorders takes a comprehensive and multidimensional approach to supporting the ASD community. This involves a combination of training professionals, conducting research to inform best practices, and directly delivering services to individuals with ASD and their families.

Video Series

Professional Educator

A 20-part series developed to help bridge gaps that may occur in the classroom. Each program is about 40-minutes and are available through our website free of charge. The center can build continuing education programs through these videos by adding in person or virtual learning opportunities.

<https://bit.ly/ASDVideoSeries>

Autism and The Law

This 9-part video series brings together world renown legal advisors, advocates, and reserachers to discuss legal issues that individuals with ASD may encounter. Designed to aid in avoiding legal troubles, this program is free and available on our website. We welcome the opportunity to provide deeper discussion on a case-by-case basis.

<https://bit.ly/autism-and-the-law>

Science of Autism

Monthly events are held in a virtual format, and discuss the latest in ASD research, development, and services. Past programs have included Sleep in Autism, Early Development, Equity in Diagnosis, Identifying Evidence Based Practices, Developing Biomarkers to Improve Research, and many more. More information and past recordings can be found on our website.

<https://bit.ly/ScienceASD>





Educator Programs

With the focus on preparing teachers to be successful when working with autistic students in their classrooms, the Center develops training programs for school systems that highlight best practices. These programs are tailored to the specific needs of the district, classroom, and age range. They can be provided in person, remotely, or in a hybrid fashion.

Caregiver Training

The Center offers trainings to educate babysitters, grandparents, foster parents, and any short-term caregivers on caring for those with ASD.

Conferences

The Center provides in-person and virtual conferences for the ASD community. Topics vary from year to year but always focus on the cutting edge of research and evidence based practice. Staff are also available to speak at professional conferences on a case-by-case basis.

Support the Center

<https://www.southernct.edu/giving/autism-center>

Driving with ASD

Through partnerships with area police departments, the Center offers one-day events wherein police officers and individuals receive tools and training to successfully navigate a routine traffic stop. The event culminates in a hands-on practice where individuals experience a routine traffic stop with a patrol officer. The event allows both parties to learn from one another and prepare for real life encounters.

First Responders

The Center offers an online, self-guided, training program on ASD for First Responders. The program includes information first responders should know when assisting a person with ASD and practical tips for interacting during an emergency. Connecticut first responders receive CEUs for completion.

WHO WE ARE



Experts in Their Field

Our interdisciplinary team brings together professionals from a variety of disciplines and experiences. With some of the field's most distinguished researchers, the Center provides the latest in training, information, and support for service providers, families, educators, and stakeholders.

➤ **Fred Volkmar, M.D.**
Director

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BCBA-D

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