

VIRTUAL ECHO AUTISM and INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (IDD) TRAINING for Child and Adolescent Mental Health CBHC Clinicians

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Date	Time	Topic
1/6/2026	9am - 10am	Autism/IDD Overview
1/20/2026	9am - 10am	Medical Comorbidities
2/3/2026	9am - 10am	Psychiatric Comorbidities
2/17/2026	9am - 10am	Communication
3/3/2026	9am - 10am	De-escalation
3/17/2026	9am - 10am	Supporting the Family
3/31/2026	9am - 10am	Behavior Basics
4/14/2026	9am - 10am	Assessing Agitation
4/28/2026	9am - 10am	Impact of Trauma
5/12/2026	9am - 10am	Preparing the Environment
5/26/2026	9am - 10am	Elements of Safety
6/9/2026	9am - 10am	Prescribing

What topics are included?

The high yield didactics (or knowledge bursts) include:

- How to apply best practice care for those with autism and/or IDD who are experiencing a behavioral health concerns.
- How to communicate with these individuals and across systems involved in caring for them.
- What psychiatric and medical comorbidities, evidence-based interventions, and systems of care exist for those with autism and/or IDD.

How do I register?

You will be sent an email with a link to some surveys to complete prior to the training. Once the surveys are completed you will receive a Zoom link to the training.

If you need help registering, please email: ShriverCenterTrainings@Umassmed.edu.

Questions? Contact: Lauren Venuti, MSW, Program Director, ECHO Autism Crisis Care Training * E.K. Shriver Center, UMASS Chan Medical School: Lauren.Venuti@umassmed.edu

This free and interactive virtual training program will increase your knowledge about autism and IDD, the unique needs related to caring for these patients who have comorbid psychiatric disorders and how to communicate across systems.

Registration Fee for the Educational program: FREE

Fee for those That want Credit		
	Physicians	\$75
	Nurses	\$50
	Psychologist	\$95
	Social Worker	\$45

Who can take the ECHO Autism and IDD Training?

All Massachusetts CBHC Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team Members.

Where will it take place?

This a FREE 12-hour training. The sessions occur every other week for 1 hour over 6 months. Sessions are held via Zoom video conferencing and will include Case Presentations with discussion amongst attendees. Each session will have a high yield slide didactic.

Application for Psychologist, Social Worker and MA LMHC continuing education credits have been submitted. Please note that partial credit is not available for psychologist, Social Workers and LMHCs. All 12 sessions need to be attended.

Application for Nursing Continuing Education credits and for Physician and Physician's Assistants Continuing Medical Education credits have been submitted through UMASS Chan Medical School. Physicians, PAs and Nurses can get credit for any number of the sessions attended.

For questions regarding the training or regarding CEs or CMEs, please email ShriverCenterTrainings@umassmed.edu

To register for this program, please go to the following URL:

[Continuing Education \(CEs\) and Continuing Medical Education \(CMEs\) Programs and Trainings](#)

Or use this QR code:



You will be given the opportunity to indicate that you would like to receive credit and a certificate at that URL

* Please note that certificates will not be issued until all course requirements have been completed and verified.



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