

# Teaching Socialization and Communication to Individuals with ASD

*2015 – 16 Fall and Spring Regional Workshops*

*Presented by the Kentucky Autism Training Center*

Communication and social skills are the foundation of successful life outcomes. Often times individuals with autism spectrum disorders display difficulty communicating socially with adults and peers which can make it challenging to function in the home, community, and school. Vocal responses are often rote and sometimes not functional. Social situations can be misread and individuals may struggle to comprehend social cues. Intervention in these areas are crucial. These deficits can impact all areas of life. We will look at strategies that have proven to be effective to increase communication and social skills across all settings.

## *Learning Objectives*

Upon completing this workshop participants will:

1. Be introduced to communication strategies such as Mand Training, Sign Language, and Picture Exchange Communication Systems (PECS).
2. Be exposed to common social difficulties in individuals with autism and evidence based strategies to teach them.
3. Learn additional evidence based practices to teach and reinforce communication and socialization across settings.
4. Increase their understanding in how to address issues related to puberty.

## **6.5 Training Hours**

Presented by KATC Field Trainers:

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Register Online:

[https://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view\\_month.aspx?as=47&wp=116&aid=KATC](https://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=47&wp=116&aid=KATC)

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## **Locations and Dates**

10/19/15	Lake Barkley State Park
11/02/15	Kosair Charities Louisville
11/11/15	Jenny Wiley State Park
3/21/16	Cumberland Falls State Park
3/29/16	General Butler State Park
4/18/16	Barren River State Park

## **Continuing Education Credits**

- Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Division of Child Care
- Effective Instructional Leadership Act (EILA)
- Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors
- Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology
- Kentucky Board of Social Work

## **Cost and Additional Information**

### **Registration Fee:**

\$45 - Parents, Full Time Students, Instructional Assistants

\$65 - Educators and Other Professionals

*Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided*

