

BRIDGES Family Program



Intensive Training for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders

What is it?

The Emory Autism Center is providing intensive, training programs for adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families and/or providers across the state of Georgia. During this training, ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) Incidental Teaching Techniques are utilized. A variety of skill areas can be addressed, including development of communication, social skills, and adaptive skills. The goal is to provide the family and/or providers with the necessary skills to support the adult individual at home and in the community and to help him/her to experience a meaningful life through involvement in activities related to interests and preferences, building on social networks, and inclusion in community life.

Who is eligible?

Adult individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families, and their support personnel.

What should I expect if I decide to participate in the training?

- Families and/or providers planning on participating will be asked to select an available date that they would like to begin the training. Once a date is chosen, they will be asked to complete a phone survey with Emory Autism Center staff so the needs of the individual with autism can be identified. Families and/or providers will be allowed to choose from a variety of training areas based upon the identified needs.
- The individual may be videotaped in different situations (i.e., at home, at the day support, etc.) and the tapes/DVD's sent to the Emory Autism Center for viewing prior to the training period.
- An individual training agenda will be developed for each adult.
- The training will take place over a 3 month period of time and will average 20 hours.* Sessions may be scheduled to take place at the Emory Autism Center, in the community, at the day program, or in the home/residential setting.

** In limited circumstances, the 20 hours of training for an adult may take place across a week, if appropriate. The 20 hours includes training time and round-trip travel time if the training occurs outside the Emory Autism Center.*

How do I apply?

Interested individuals should contact Charlie Coleman at the Emory Autism Center (404) 727-8350 or by e-mail at crcolem@emory.edu. **Pre-registration is necessary to hold an intensive training slot.** Families and/or providers may apply at any time. There are limited, designated training periods across the year, beginning July 7, 2008 and ending the week of June 15, 2009. Once we have spoken with you, we will send out a packet of information and the registration form.

