



Free

Training Module Series

Module 1

Understanding Autism in Young Children

This module is an overview of the characteristics of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and the criteria used to diagnose children with ASD. Family members, childcare providers, health care providers, school personnel and others who interact with young children are encouraged to take this training module to learn more about the signs of ASD.

The module is hosted on the University of Missouri Extension web site. To view the training you will need to register for an Extension Passport and select the Understanding Autism course to view. There is no charge for the Passport or to view the training.

The Understanding Autism training was developed by the Mid-Missouri Rapid Response Initiative, which is funded by the Missouri Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities. An online module was created from the training through a partnership with the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, University of Missouri Extension, and the Division of Developmental Disabilities Office of Autism Services. This project also was supported in part by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration [grant number H6MMC11059]. The module is available in DVD format for training professionals who cannot access the on-line version.

To learn more visit: <http://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu/training/index.php>