# 2025 Autism Spectrum Disorder Literacy Institute

## What will this training cover?

This statewide institute will be conducted by nationally recognized experts on literacy and autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Dr. Christi Carnahan and Dr. Pam Williamson. The institute content will focus on a balanced approach to literacy including instruction in phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing. Each aspect of literacy will be linked to the unique cognitive, social, and communication issues inherent in ASD. Assessment strategies will include an overall estimation of the students' literacy abilities from interactive to independent, which will help teachers determine what additional literacy assessments may be needed to inform instruction. Measures of student outcomes and teacher outcomes will be incorporated into the course, developed by the presenters.

## Who should attend this training?

Target Audience: The institute is ideally designed for teams of certified school members who work directly with students with autism spectrum disorder. Teams can include general and special education teachers, speech, and language pathologists, reading interventionists or other members who design/deliver literacy instruction. Due to limited space and need to enroll professionals responsible for delivering/designing literacy instruction, this course is not open to paraeducators. All accepted participants will be asked to share implementation information with parents, paraeducators, and administrators. To ensure fair representation across the state, the number of teams accepted to attend from each district/AU may be limited.

- **Registration Deadline:** Registration will close on **December 20, 2024** at 5:00PM or when capacity is reached.
- **Cost:** The Exceptional Student Services Unit of the Colorado Department of Education provides the funding for the presenters. Venue space is provided by the hosting school district/AU. There are no costs to the participants.

✉ **Questions? Email us at: ASD-Team@cde.state.co.us**

## Where and when will the training take place?

This training will be conducted in a hybrid format. Course work will be organized into three Moodle modules, each module followed by a virtual Zoom session with the presenters. Each virtual session will have two options of attending (8:30-9:30am or 10:00-11:00am MT). Participants must complete all 3 Modules to receive a certificate for 24 CDE hours. **Partial credit will not be given.**

### SCHEDULE

**January 9, 2025**
**Kick Off Virtual Session**
**8:30AM-9:30AM or 10:00AM-11:00AM**
**Module 1 Opens**

**February 6, 2025**
**Module 1 Virtual Session**
**8:30AM-9:30AM or 10:00AM-11:00AM**
**Module 2 Opens**

**March 6, 2025**
**Module 2 Virtual Session**
**8:30AM-9:30AM or 10:00AM-11:00AM**
**Module 3 Opens**

**March 27, 2025**
**Module 3 Virtual Session**
**8:30AM-9:30AM or 10:00AM-11:00AM**

**March 31, 2025**
**Course Closes**

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