

Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) Virtual Training – Now Available on MyODP

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AUDIENCE:

All Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To announce the availability of a virtual FBA Training on MyODP

DISCUSSION:

ODP has developed an interactive, self-paced, virtual FBA training to replace the existing train-the-trainer model. The virtual course is housed on the ***MyODP Training & Resource Center***.

This online FBA training aims to ensure a level of competency among Behavioral Specialists who are conducting FBAs across the Commonwealth. The training focuses on the assessment and replacement of challenging behaviors, as well as the development of a treatment or behavior support plan that can be used across settings and across the lifespan. The training has been updated to reflect current best practices.

The examples, tools, and strategies outlined in this training are applicable to supporting individuals from childhood through adulthood. The learner will be able to download a variety of direct and indirect assessment tools that can be put into practice immediately.

The course is divided into eight modules. The estimated time to complete all eight modules and all the tests is 13 hours, depending on a person's individual learning style.

This training will fulfill the following requirements:

- For programs requiring the completion of an FBA training, this virtual training will satisfy those requirements.
- For the Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and the Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP), this virtual training will meet the requirements for qualifications for BSS to complete an FBA training provided by BSASP.

- This training can be counted towards the annual training hours required in 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100.143.

Effective immediately, newly hired Behavioral Specialists in the AAW or ACAP should complete this virtual training prior to delivering services. Newly hired Behavioral Specialists who completed an in-person course through the train-the-trainer model prior to the release of this communication, will have access to the current online test until September of 2020. After July 31, 2020, no in-person train-the-trainer courses should be held.

Behavioral Specialists that were qualified to provide BSS in the AAW or ACAP prior to the release of this communication are not required to take this course at this time. In the future, ODP intends to propose changes to the AAW and ACAP programs that would require all Behavioral Specialists to take this course, including those that were qualified to provide BSS prior to the release of this communication. Therefore, ODP strongly encourages all currently qualified Behavioral Specialists to take this course now.

To access the training, please use this link:

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1644>

Please note: You will need to set up an account on MyODP if you have not already done so.

For questions, please email RA-BASTrainings@pa.gov