



# Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT Positive Behavior Support Webinar

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Division of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce an introductory webinar for all Developmental Disability provider agencies that may be interested in learning more about or participating in an upcoming statewide offering of the Positive Behavior Support Training Curriculum (PBSTC) authored by Dennis Reid and Marsha Parsons. Agency participation (by at least one agency management representative) in this webinar is required for all providers that desire to participate in the PBSTC.

The PBSTC is publicized and distributed internationally by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD). The curriculum teaches direct support staff and supervisors the principles of positive behavior support while interacting with people with intellectual disabilities in service settings. It contains the following training modules, 9 of which are designed for supervisors only.

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| Dignity & Behavior Support | Defining Behavior            | Positive Reinforcement     |
| Negative Reinforcement     | A, B, Cs                     | Functional Skills          |
| Role of the Environment    | Role of Choice               | Interactions               |
| Prompting                  | Error Correction             | Chaining & Shaping         |
| Program Implementation     | Problem Solving              | Data & Data Recording      |
| Functional Assessment      | Feedback                     | Modeling                   |
| Data Analysis I & II       | Problem Solving II           | Evaluating a BSP           |
| Staff Observation          | Staff Performance Checklists | Staff Performance Analysis |

This Curriculum, originally published in 2004, has been successfully implemented by service providers and agencies across the country and abroad.

The implementation plan in Georgia will involve training trainers within each participating agency who will then be able to train their staff. The actual training is set to begin in October 2013. The goal is that all providers would eventually adopt this curriculum. There is no cost to providers to have one of their staff become a trainer. Additionally, agencies with staff that successfully complete the trainer class will receive a free trainer copy of the curriculum (valued at \$395).

### Participants in the webinar will learn:

- 1) the purpose and evidence base for the curriculum
- 2) the topics covered in the curriculum
- 3) the prerequisites and ongoing expectations for participation
- 4) logistical details regarding participation

### Intended Audience

The intended audience for this introductory webinar is appropriate representatives (agency director, training director, clinical director, behavior professional, and/or other key management) from each DD provider agency that are interested in participating in the upcoming Positive Behavior Support Training Curriculum. The goal is for the leader of the agency that would make the decision as to whether the agency is willing to commit to the process would participate in this webinar so he/she could make an informed decision.

### Presenter

The presenter for this webinar and for the subsequent trainer sessions will be Denny H. Reid, Ph.D, who is also the author of the curriculum. Dr. Reid has over 35 years experience as a manager and clinician, and has consulted with human service agencies in the majority of states of the United States as well as Canada and New Zealand. He has published over 100 refereed journal articles focusing on applied behavior analysis and authored or co-authored seven books. In 2007 he was awarded Fellowship status in the Association for Behavior Analysis International and in 2006 received the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Research Award. Dennis is the founder and current director of the Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center in Morganton, North Carolina. His company has employed adults with severe autism in a supported work capacity for the last 15 years.

His co-presenter for this webinar will Clint Trusty who is the Director of Behavior Support for the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

| Training Dates/Location              |                       |                                                                                                                                    |
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| TRAINING DATES                       | REGISTRATION DEADLINE | LOCATIONS                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday<br/>August 1, 2013</b>   | July 30, 2013         | <b>10:00 am-11:00 am</b><br>Webinar<br><a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ9L6W5">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ9L6W5</a> |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>August 14, 2013</b> | August 12, 2013       | <b>1:00 pm-2:00 pm</b><br>Webinar<br><a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ9L6W5">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ9L6W5</a>   |

**REGISTRATION:**

To participate in a webinar, you will need an internet connection and speakers at a minimum. A microphone and camera are suggested for two-way communication. If speakers malfunction, there is a back-up telephone link. After registering, participants will be sent specific instructions to download the webinar software (Blackboard Collaborate) and to access assistance for testing the system. Testing is strongly encouraged so that unforeseen issues are resolved prior to the webinar.

Please register no later than 2 days in advance of the webinar to allow ample time to provide the technical support all participants need to ensure good connections. Please register each participant, whether viewing individually or in a group, at: DBHDD Registration <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ9L6W5>

For registration questions please email Kynesia Bishop at [DBHDD\\_Learning@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:DBHDD_Learning@dhr.state.ga.us) (There is an underscore between DBHDD and Learning).