

Preparing Teachers and Paraeducators for the Successful Inclusion of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD PREP)

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You are invited...

To take part in a project being conducted by the University of Washington's School Mental Health Assessment, Research, & Training Center



The purpose of the **ASD PREP** study is to identify which evidence-based practices (EBPs) and strategies teachers and paraeducators use to more meaningfully include and retain children with ASD in general education settings. It is not clear which EBPs, if any, general and special education teachers and paraeducators are commonly trained to use or whether they consistently use those EBPs to support inclusion of students with ASD. School-wide professional development and training efforts are not as optimally effective because a number of individual and organizational barriers often inhibit EBP use. It's imperative that we understand the mechanisms through which these factors affect teachers' and paraeducators' EBP use to identify targeted implementation strategies that work to ensure inclusion is both productive for children with ASD and non-disruptive for the general education classroom as a whole.

Overall Benefits of Participation

- **CONTRIBUTE TO LARGER BODY OF KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO IMPROVING SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD IN SCHOOLS**
- **ENHANCE OVERALL UNDERSTANDING ON HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES**
- **EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A RESOURCE KIT THAT INCLUDES VISUAL SUPPORTS, VISUAL TIMERS, SENSORY TOYS, BOOKS, VELCRO, ETC. TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH ASD**

Participation in this UW Study:

- **Phase 1:** provide feedback on EBP use via a brief online survey (15 mins) and follow-up phone interview (30 mins)
- **Phase 2:** provide feedback on EBP use, organizational characteristics, and student outcomes via an online survey (45-60 mins)
- **Phase 3:** provide feedback on EBP use and individual and organizational factors that impact EBP use via phone interview (45-60 mins)
- **\$40 gift card (per phase)** as a thank you for your time and feedback
- **Other opportunities:** you may be invited to participate in other related projects at the UW SMART Center.

If interested, please contact Jessica Coifman at asdprep@uw.edu and indicate that you'd like to participate in the ASD PREP project