

AUTISM ASSESSMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Comprehensive special education evaluations to determine eligibility under autism require a multidisciplinary, developmentally appropriate approach that considers the whole child across settings and routines. This no-cost, virtual training will explore evidence-based assessment practices that support accurate identification of young autistic children while distinguishing characteristics of autism from other developmental differences.

Participants will examine best practices for standardized assessment, play-based assessment, caregiver interviews, naturalistic observation, and the integration of multiple sources of information to determine educational eligibility. The session will also highlight important considerations related to gender differences, sensory processing, social communication, and language development, including gestalt language processing.

Who Should Attend

- School psychologists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Occupational therapists
- Early childhood special education teachers
- Nurses and other multidisciplinary team members involved in early childhood assessment
- Preschool assessment teams
- Special education administrators and program specialists

What You'll Learn

- Identify evidence-based assessment practices that support comprehensive evaluations of young autistic children and inform educational decision-making.
- Apply strategies for integrating multidisciplinary assessment data to differentiate autism characteristics from other developmental differences and determine educational eligibility.



**Wednesday,
August 26, 2026**
Noon–2 p.m.

Register

Register:

<https://c-vusd-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/MMoHv8QDTsukNtcUTZXkTw#/registration>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about how to join the meeting.

Closed captioning is available via Zoom. Post-training recordings will be available on our website approximately two weeks after the session. If you require a disability-related accommodation (such as American Sign Language interpretation) please email info@calecse.org at least 72 hours prior to the event.

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