Summer Structured Teaching Workshop – Training Opportunity

Each summer, trained staff from Omaha Public Schools and Bellevue Public Schools offer week-long training sessions for staff who work with students with Autism.

The model used in the training is an evidence-based approach that uses a structured teaching format and the principles of applied behavior analysis to assist students with autism in achieving the highest level of independence possible. The aim is to create the maximum number of instructional opportunities possible for a student throughout their entire school day. This valuable “hands-on” training will provide participants with a wealth of information and skill development. During the week-long training, trainers and participants will work with students with autism who range in ages and ability levels. Participants may include building administrators, general education teachers, special education teachers, and paraprofessionals. Participants work in teams throughout the week, and will problem-solve strategies each day for students with autism. In addition to directly working with students, participants experience lectures and activities that include the characteristics of autism, structured teaching, communication, promoting social skills, independence, curriculum and positive behavioral supports. Three week-long training sessions are planned for the summer.

As a result of the training, participants gain skills in assessing and meeting the needs of students with autism. At the conclusion of the week-long training, participants understand how to create an environment that includes the components of structured teaching – physical structure, schedules, work systems, routines and visual structures in order to promote independence and student achievement. Participants also receive the necessary materials to implement the approach. Special education administrators will provide follow-up support to participants with instructional coaching.

If you are interested in attending this training in July, please complete the form below indicating preferred weeks and summer contact information. Email the completed form to Chad Nichols. For more information, contact: Chad Nichols, OPS Autism Consultation Team, at chad.nichols@ops.org, 402-557-2675.

Summer Structured Teaching Workshop Registration

Please indicate which week or weeks you are interested in attending. Please place a number next to each week to indicate your preference if you can attend multiple weeks.

______ July 11th-15th
______ July 18th-22nd
______ July 25th-29th

Please provide your contact information for this summer so you can be reached in the case of an emergency.

Name:
School and position:
Home address:
Home/cell phone number:
Email used in the summer:
Emergency contact name and phone number for the summer:

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