

# Autism, Behavior and Quality of Life

*An introductory level training class on Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for habilitators, family members and professionals*

This ABA Training Class offered by *Arizona Autism United* is recommended for all habilitators of children with autism. The class discusses the common features and needs of children on the autism spectrum and strategies for success to teach new skills and increase positive behaviors.



## **How long is the class?**

There are 2 parts to this class, each lasting approximately 4 hours. See the schedule below for more details. Each part includes an interactive presentation, group activities, video examples, and a competency exam.

## **What topics are covered in the class?**

**Part 1** includes an overview of autism, behavior, motivation and teaching techniques. Common terms and concepts that will be discussed include *reinforcement, antecedent, pairing, instructional motivation, extinction, replacement behaviors, prompting, fading, and generalization.*

**Part 2** involves a more in-depth look at how to analyze challenging situations and apply ABA techniques to help children with autism learn and expand their abilities. Concepts discussed include *functional hypothesis, shaping, chaining, task analysis, differential reinforcement, discrete trial teaching, natural environment teaching, maintenance, and fluency.*

## **Who will benefit from this class?**

This class is focused on the work of habilitation providers for children with autism, but we encourage anyone else who is interested to attend, including parents, family members, paraprofessionals and therapists.

## **How much does this class cost?**

This class is free for employees of AZA United and parents of children with autism. The cost for all others to attend is \$20 per class. Space is limited! To register, please see the information below.

## **Ehren Wertz, Program Manager**

Ehren holds a master's degree in Psychology with coursework in Behavior Analysis, and a bachelor's in Special Education. He has worked in the field of autism for 7 years, as a teacher, habilitator, and program supervisor. He has provided training and worked directly with hundreds of children with autism, families and habilitators.

## **Meet your presenters**



## **Tracy Davis, Habilitation Specialist**

Tracy is completing an advanced degree in Special Education with an emphasis on Behavior Analysis. She has been working in the field of autism treatment for 3 years, as a classroom paraprofessional, habilitator, and program supervisor. She has provided training and worked directly with dozens of children with autism, families and habilitators.

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

**Part 1: Saturday • March 6th • 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Part 2: Saturday • May 8th • 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**We will break for lunch. Please bring your own!**

**Location: AZA United**

Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E Washington St, Suite 212, Phoenix, AZ 85034

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