



**WSTC** Washington State Head Start/ECEAP  
Training Consortium



## Save the Date—Autism Webinars 1/29 & 2/5/10

### *Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Children with Autism*

Autism is a rapidly growing developmental disorder that currently affects 1 in 100 children born in the United States. As a result, it is essential that ECEAP and Head Start staff understand the complexity of autism and how to best serve the children in their programs who are affected by the disorder, whether they have been formerly diagnosed or not.

This two-part workshop is designed to not only educate participants about autism, but also provide them with specific “tools” to help them work more effectively with children on the autism spectrum.

Topics will include:

- ▶ Defining autism
- ▶ What causes autism
- ▶ Identifying the three types of autism
- ▶ Common characteristics & behaviors
- ▶ What children with autism need
- ▶ Classroom set up
- ▶ Strategies for managing behaviors in children with autism
- ▶ Communicating concerns to parents

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*CEUs, Clock Hours & STARS Credit available*

**Who's invited:** HS/ECEAP Staff & Directors

**When:** Part 1-Jan 29 1:30-3:30, Part 2 Feb 5, 1:30-3:30

**Where:** Your computer

**Cost:** \$95 WSTC member, \$130 non-member (ask if your program is a WSTC Member!)

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