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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: November 20, 2024
 To: Local Educational Agency Leads
 Route To: District Directors of Special Education, Supervisors of Special Education, Principals, Assistant/Vice Principals, Special Education Teachers, Child Study Team Members
 From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
 Division of Educational Services

**Lessons from the Field Webinar Series
 Autism Program Quality Indicators-Revised (APQI-R)**

On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education, we invite you to join our upcoming three-part webinar series— “**Lessons from the Field: Implementing the Autism Program Quality Indicators-Revised (APQI-R)**.” Many Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) across New Jersey face challenges in successfully implementing the APQI-R, which is designed to assess and enhance the quality of autism programs. This webinar series will feature LEA panelists sharing practical insights and strategies for overcoming common obstacles, such as building cohesive implementation teams, conducting thorough self-assessments, and utilizing data for continuous program improvement.

Webinar Series Overview

Webinar 1: Building Your Implementation Team

Learn how LEAs have assembled successful, cross-functional teams to implement the APQI-R and navigate role definitions, ensuring strong leadership and collaboration.

Webinar 2: Conducting the Self-Assessment

This session will focus on the best practices for conducting a thorough self-assessment, gathering accurate data, and identifying program strengths and areas for improvement.

Webinar 3: Translating Data into Action Plans

Panelists will discuss how to use the data collected from the APQI-R self-assessment to create actionable plans that drive continuous improvement in autism program quality.

By attending these webinars, LEA staff can learn from their peers and gain valuable strategies to enhance the quality and consistency of their autism programs. Whether you are just beginning to implement the APQI-R or are looking to refine your process, these sessions will provide essential tools and insights for success.

Registration

You must register to participate in one or all three sessions of this webinar series. This event is ideal for District Leaders, School Administrators, Special Education Personnel, and other education stakeholders committed to improving autism program quality in New Jersey. You will receive a confirmation email with further details and access to the online session.

Lessons from the Field Webinar Dates and Registration:

Webinar Title	Date/Time	Registration Link
Part 1: Building a Strong Foundation: Assembling Your APQI-R Implementation Team	January 16, 2025 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Part 1 Registration Link
Part 2: Conducting the APQI-R Self-Assessment	February 20, 2025 1:00 pm -2:00 pm	Part 2 Registration Link
Part 3: Turning Data into Action-Analyzing Results and Planning for Improvement	March 20, 2025 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Part 3 Registration Link

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