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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 10, 2025
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
Due Date: October 15, 2025

Call for Presenters: 2025–26 *Lessons from the Field* Webinar Series Featuring the Autism Program Quality Indicators–Revised

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Office of Special Education, is seeking Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to be spotlighted in the second annual *Lessons from the Field* webinar series. This statewide initiative highlights exemplary practices and real-world applications of the Autism Program Quality Indicators–Revised (APQI-R), fostering collaboration and shared learning to strengthen autism programming across New Jersey.

If your district has been implementing the APQI-R, building a strong leadership team, conducting the self-assessment, and using the results to guide planning and improvement, we encourage you to share your journey. Selected LEAs will be supported in preparing their presentations and recognized for their contributions to advancing high-quality autism programs statewide.

Who Should Apply?

LEAs at any stage of APQI-R implementation are welcome to apply, provided they are prepared to reflect on and present their complete process. Up to four LEAs will be selected. Participation includes attending an orientation session, collaborating with NJDOE staff on presentation development, and delivering a live, virtual session during the 2025–2026 school year.

How to Submit Your Interest

Submit your interest by completing the [application form](#) by October 15, 2025. Join us in building statewide capacity by sharing your lessons from the field and inspiring others to take the next step in implementing high-quality autism programs.

Contact Information

For more information, contact the Office of Special Education at OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov

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