



~ADVOCACY-CAPACITY-SYSTEMS CHANGE~

Schedule of CEU Trainings: 2015-2016

All trainings will occur between the hours of 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

VIUCEDD Services Include:

- *Assistive Technology Assessment, Demonstration, Equipment Loans & Technical Assistance
- *Autism & Disability Assessments
- *Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) & Behavioral Programming Overseen by a Doctoral Level Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D)
- *Community Training & Development
- *Parent Advocacy & IEP School Meeting Assistance
- *Technical Assistance towards the Development of Data Collection Systems & Other Empirically Verifiable Outcome & Measurement Systems.
- *American Sign Language Courses
- *Research & Dissemination
- *Leisure Recreation Development for People with Disabilities
- *Loan Assistance to People With Disabilities
- *Policy Development
- *Disability Employment Support
- *Inclusive Education Facilitation
- *Capacity Building Initiatives to Support the Disability Community Throughout the USVI

September 8, 2015 (STT), September 10, 2015 (STX) – The First Days of School: Setting Your Classrooms and Your Homes Up For the Success of All Students: Establishing rules, protocols and expectations for your classroom or home within the first few days of school can make the difference between having a smooth school year versus one that is full of chaos and confusion. Participants in this hands on workshop will gain the valuable tools they need to help promote the academic and behavioral success of youth in their classrooms and homes including those with disabilities and other learning challenges. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own Token Economy that can be individualized to their own particular home, classroom or learning environment.

October 27, 2015 (STT) October 29, 2015 (STX): Assistive Technology for Homes, Schools and Communities: Assistive Technology (AT) is any item or piece of equipment that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life, including at school, at work, at home and in the community. This interactive session we will provide you with an overview of assistive technology ranging from low tech to high tech devices. This presentation will also highlight elements of IDEA (Federal Special Education Law) which is to ensure that the rights of children with disabilities and parents of such children are protected. Persons with disabilities, parents, teachers and advocates are encouraged to attend.

November 10, 2015 (STT), November 12, 2015 (STX): Working with Families: This training will emphasize working with families as partners in supporting the learning and development of their child with a disability. The presenter will discuss the benefits to including parents as partners and discuss key legislation that demands this collaboration. Steps to building a successful relationship, and working through challenging situations will be explored. Additionally, the instructor will discuss cultural variables that can affect communication between families, educators, and other service providers, as well as culturally responsive practices that can enhance this relationship.

January 26, 2016 (STT), January 28, 2016 (STX): Let's Talk About Sex: Safety and Sexuality Training for Children with Developmental Disabilities: Children with developmental disabilities are at increased risk for abuse and victimization when compared to their peers without disabilities (Sobsey, 1994). Parents, teachers, and mental health professionals can teach children to protect themselves by providing them with tools recognize, report, and most importantly prevent sexual abuse. This interactive presentation will include resources, activities, and games you can use to teach your children, students, and clients about healthy sexuality and abuse prevention.

February 23, 2016 (STT), February 25, 2016 (STX): Disability and Aging: Have you or someone you know had a stroke and experiencing communication difficulty? Is your memory changing as you get older? Are you constantly asking people to repeat what they've said? This training will provide an overview of neurological and other conditions, such as dementia, aphasia, and hearing loss that can impact communication, quality of life and independence. A specific focus will include characteristics of select conditions, general strategies to enhance communication and resources. Caregivers, professionals and persons with disabilities are encouraged to attend.

March 29, 2016 (STT), March 31, 2016 (STX): Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders: Characteristics and Considerations: This training will provide an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders and effective treatment practices. A review of diagnostic categories, etiology, and current research will establish the foundation for this training. Key factors that impact individuals within an educational setting will be discussed (e.g. communication, social skills, executive functioning, sensory, and behavioral characteristics) and support strategies and evidence based teaching methodologies will be presented.

May 24, 2016 (STT), May 26, 2016 (STX): Enhancing Communication Skills for Kindergarten Readiness: True or False? *Kindergarten readiness starts in infancy as children develop communication skills, improve their ability to focus and concentrate, learn from mistakes, and make choices.* Attend this training to find the answer to this question and more. Emphasis is placed on the importance of promoting communication skills. The instructors will provide participants with an overview of receptive and expressive language skills, key research regarding the relationship between language skills and literacy for academic success, developmental milestones for communication and strategies for enhancing skills in this area, including strategies to teach verbal behaviors as devised by B.F. Skinner.

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