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Memorandum

To: Special Ed Supervisors, Principals
 From: Linda Copas, TN DOE
 Re: On-line Autism Workshop
 Date: January 11, 2012

To register, e-mail this form to
 Linda Copas

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For the very first time, TRIAD and TDOE are offering **statewide on-line training** which focuses on working with students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). This two-part training will include:

1. **Autism Spectrum Disorders and Principles of Behavior and Learning:** This half-day workshop will provide information about basic characteristics of autism spectrum disorders and principles of behavior and learning. The workshop will explain how to use the principles of behavior and learning to best teach and interact with students with autism spectrum disorders. Principles of behavior taught are grounded in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with an emphasis on understanding the function of behavior and teaching students appropriate behaviors to replace challenging behaviors.
2. **Improving Communication in Students with ASD:** This half-day workshop will provide information on developing functional and measurable communication goals, and utilizing evidence-based strategies including incidental teaching, discrete trial training, and the use of visual supports to improve students' communication throughout the day.

The target audience for these workshops includes teachers, paraprofessionals, parents, SLPs, OTs, and other staff who work with children with ASD. Participants will learn through a combination of lecture, quizzes, games, video clips, and animation. The workshop will begin February 9, 2012. There is no cost but participants must be registered. If you wish to participate, please submit the following to Linda Copas.

Name: _____
 Position: _____
 School and School System: _____
 Grade level: _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Choose one: Gen Educator Special Educator

Mark the session(s) you want to access (You may choose one or both):
 _____ Principles of Behavior and Learning
 _____ Improving Communication in Students with ASD

You will receive a confirmation in return with all information needed.