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CONSULTATION

SUMMER

WORKSHOPS

2023

- ADMINISTRATORS •
- K-12 EDUCATORS •
- SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHERS •
- PARAPROFESSIONALS •
- HISTORY TEACHERS •
- PROVIDERS OF OT &
SPEECH SERVICES •
- INSTRUCTIONAL
ASSISTANTS •
- COUNSELORS •
- SCHOOL NURSES •
- CURRICULUM
DIRECTORS •
- MATH & SCIENCE
TEACHERS •
- AGENCY STAFF •
- DISTRICT EMPLOYEES •
- TEACHERS OF
TECHNOLOGY •
- PSYCHOLOGISTS •
- CLASSROOM
ASSISTANTS •
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PROFESSIONALS •

HOW TO REGISTER

General Information

- **Cancellation Policy:** Participants requesting a refund must cancel, in writing, ten (10) calendar days prior to the activity. Refunds or credit will not be given for cancellations received after the cancellation deadline. For non-fee workshops, as a courtesy, please cancel, in writing, three (3) calendar days prior to the activity. Please be sure of your workshop selection before registering.
- Workshops with an insufficient number of registrants by the deadline will be cancelled. Registrants will be notified by email and their payments will be refunded.
- **Workshop Costs:** Where applicable.
 - * Professional Development sessions are offered for Berks County Intermediate Unit member district staff and staff from organizations supporting students from Berks County member districts. Additionally, sessions are offered for Pennsylvania districts per contracted work that falls under the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) statewide system of support services. Fees will apply to all other participants as listed in the Frontline Education registration.
- Individuals attending workshops must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the workshop in order to receive **Act 48** professional education hours.
- Unless otherwise stated, workshops are business casual events.
- BCIU is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is not permitted on BCIU property.
- Follow your district's policy for registration and reimbursement.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All registration will be done online through Frontline Education.

STEP 1

Go to: www.berksiu.org

Click on QUICK LINKS, scroll down to "Frontline Education"

STEP 2

Click on the "Click here to view the course catalog" link.

STEP 3

Enter the course title in the SEARCH TERM box. Press the ENTER key on your keyboard. Or scan the QR code.

OR

Mouse over the title of the workshop and click to be directed to Frontline to register for the course.

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www.berksiu.org/educators/tac

SPECIAL EDUCATION



Taking Instruction on the Road: An Intro to Community Based Instruction

AUGUST 3 | 2023

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 3 hours

Presenter: Colleen Rios and Gina Sallada
Target Audience: Special Education Teachers,
Paraprofessionals and Related Services.

Cost: No charge for Berks County district
personnel/*\$75



This training is designed for educators to learn about the importance, process and how to manage the logistics of Community Based Instruction. Educators will learn how to set the target skills and best practices for collecting data. The training will discuss how to take tasks from the school environment and generalize to the community. We talk about staff's role in the community, model and give examples and help students learn to achieve their highest levels of independence.

Effective De-Escalation Strategies for General Education Teachers

JULY 31 | 2023

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 3 hours

Presenter: Megan Wright Esterly and Mike Herb
Target Audience: General Education and Special
Education Teachers

Cost: No charge for Berks County district
personnel/*\$150

Sometimes the students we support present us with difficult behaviors to manage. It is important for all teachers to have the skills to handle these situations in a safe and effective manner to prevent low-level behaviors from escalating to the point of a crisis.

Participants will learn the importance of intervening early and how to implement de-escalation strategies effectively and safely.



Enrollment and Dismissal Guidelines: A County-wide Discussion for Speech Language Pathologists

AUGUST 8 | 2023

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 5.5 hours

Presenter: Josie Brunner and Stacey Breiner

Target Audience: Speech language pathologists

Cost: No charge for Berks County
district personnel/*\$150

There has been a great deal of discussion regarding guidelines for enrollment and dismissal of students who may need speech and language support services. This training and discussion will provide an opportunity for county speech and language therapists to share current practices, to review literature from ASHA and IDEA guidelines, and to preview frameworks to aid in the process for documentation of the need for services.



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SPECIAL EDUCATION



Enhancing Communication in Low Incidence Classrooms

JULY 25 | 2023

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 5.5 hours

Presenters: Josie Brunner and Gina Sallada

Target Audience: Special education teachers, related service providers and paraprofessionals who work with students receiving life skills support or multiple disabilities support service.

Cost: No charge for Berks County district personnel/*\$150

Many students with low incidence disabilities struggle with communication. Using a standard classroom communication system can provide common ground for instruction for students whose skills vary widely. Including this communication instruction as part of daily routines, can result in more consistent teaching and generalization. This training will include information functions of communication, essential vocabulary for these systems, and how to model communication.

- Review the purpose and power of classroom communication systems and how they can benefit both verbal and non-verbal communicators
- Review functions of communication and how these can inform classroom practices
- Review essential vocabulary words and how they can be used to develop functional communication
- Discuss direct teaching practices for learning classroom communication systems
- Discuss and practice “aided language input” as an essential technique in modeling use of systems for learners
- Provide templates and guidance for participants to plan for practice and implementation of communication systems throughout the school day.



Teaching Safety Skills to Reduce the Risk of Sexual Abuse

OCTOBER 9 | 2023

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ACT 48: 6 hours

Presenter: Gina Bongiovanni Sallada, Colleen Rios & Stacey Breiner

Cost: No Charge for Berks County district personnel/*\$150 Per day

Target Audience: Teachers, administrators, parents, paraprofessionals, related service personnel, and agency staff serving students with disabilities approaching age 14 through 21 years old.

planning for students with disabilities who plan to attend 4-year college, community college, or technical school. The session will include opportunities for direct interactions with representatives of postsecondary institutions. Participants will develop next step action plans to apply what they have learned to their work with students.



TO REGISTER:

www.frontlineeducation.com

Please note: the target audience for all workshops is K – 12 educators unless otherwise noted.

SAFETYCARE

Employability for Low Incidence Disabilities

AUGUST 1 | 2023

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 5.5 hours

Presenter: Colleen Rios and Gina Sallada

Target Audience: Teachers, Paraprofessionals,
Related Service Providers



Cost: No charge for Berks County district personnel/*\$150

PA Chapter 14 regulations require that the IEP of all students 14 years of age and older include "appropriate measurable postsecondary goals related to training, education, employment and when appropriate independent living". These post-secondary goals must be "based upon age-appropriate transition assessments".

This workshop will focus on tools, resources, and best practices, for transition planning for students with low incidence disabilities including how to teach key employability skills through meaningful classroom routines.

Functional Skills and the IEP

AUGUST 2 | 2023

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Act 48: 5.5 hours

Presenter: Stacey Breiner and Colleen Rios

Target Audience: Professionals and Administrators



Cost: No charge for Berks County district personnel/*\$150

This session provides training to learn about functional skills and how to document each skill set in the present levels and annual goals of the IEP. How do we address functional skills during a daily school schedule? What instruction needs to occur on, teaching of strategies, and what visual supports can be used to assist with instruction and practice?

Objectives:

- To learn what are functional skills
- How are they addressed in the IEP? And where?
- Present levels - sample wording
- Teaching strategies

Paraeducators: Interacting with Struggling Communicators

AUGUST 3 | 2023

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Presenter: Josie Brunner and Stacey Breiner

Target Audience: Paraprofessionals



Cost: No charge for Berks County district personnel/*\$150

Working with students who struggle to communicate is challenging for anyone. Our paraeducators work alongside these students all day, and they play a fundamental role in developing communication skills. We will review strategies to enhance interactions with students including modeling of communication, prompting methods, and use of visual supports and technology options.

Safety Care INITIAL 2-day Training

JULY 11 & 12 | 2023

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (Two full days)

Act 48: 12 hours

Presenter: Stacey Breiner,
Megan Wright Esterly, Gina
Bongiovanni Sallada, Mike Herb



Target Audience: A staff development opportunity for Berks County school district employees including general and special education teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals

Cost: No charge for Berks County district personnel

This two-day training is intended to prepare staff to safely prevent and manage dangerous behavior. Staff learns to intervene professionally and therapeutically using a safe, effective approach designed to prevent or reverse escalation of problem behavior and avoid the use of restraint. Safety Care de-escalation skills work with individuals who can communicate verbally and those who cannot. Safety Care is based on an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) model and focuses on removing/reducing environmental consequences that reinforce problem behavior.

SAFETY CARE RECERTIFICATION Training

JUNE 21 | JULY 26 | AUGUST 9

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Act 48: 6 hours

Presenter: Mike Herb, Megan Wright Esterly, Stacey Breiner, Gina Sallada

Target Audience: Berks County School District General and Special Education staff who hold a current Safety Care certification



Cost: No charge for Berks County district personnel

This one-day recertification training is intended to refresh previously learned skills and maintain trainee compliance with Safety Care standards. Safety-Care training is intended to prepare staff to safely prevent and manage dangerous behavior. Staff learns to intervene professionally and therapeutically using a safe, effective approach designed to prevent or reverse escalation of problem behavior and avoid the use of restraint. Safety-Care de-escalation skills work with individuals who can communicate verbally and those who cannot. Safety-Care is based on an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) model and focuses on removing/reducing environmental consequences that reinforce problem behavior.

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The Berks County Intermediate Unit provides training and consultation services which are federally funded through the Individuals with disabilities Act (IDEA) and are available to all public-school entities in Berks County.

Our TaC team can provide customized trainings and consultations in district or at the Berks County Intermediate Unit. For a list of services offered through TaC visit us at www.berksiu.org/educators/tac

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