

IN-DEPTH STAFF TRAINING LIVE OVER THE INTERNET

**EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS ON  
THE AUTISM SPECTRUM  
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

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### Program Features

- ◆ 6 live, weekly meetings from September 27 through November 1, 2023, from 11:00am – 12:30pm Eastern time
- ◆ In-depth instruction on how to assist individuals to find and maintain employment
- ◆ Detailed case studies that illustrate various Asperger's/autism profiles and employment situations
- ◆ Worksheets, resources, tools
- ◆ Qualifies for 9 CRC credits

Content is for professionals assisting individuals with competitive (not sheltered or heavily supported) employment.

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### 6-Week Program for Vocational Rehabilitation, DDS Professionals, Their Vendors and Other Non-profits

This comprehensive program is a “deep dive” for professionals who assist individuals with Asperger’s Syndrome and similar autism spectrum profiles. You will learn how to help these consumers to choose the right job or career, find employment and stay hired.

Weekly, live virtual sessions feature interactive exercises, case studies, and group discussions. This program **qualifies for 9 CRC continuing education credits** from the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

### Agenda

- **Week 1: The impact of Asperger’s/autism on adults in the workplace.** A detailed look at challenges related to interpersonal skills, executive function, restricted/repetitive interests and sensory processing/integration, as well as strengths that can be utilized in the workplace.
- **Week 2: Working with Individuals.** Tools and techniques for addressing communication, executive function and sensory processing difficulties.
- **Week 3: Choosing the Right Job or Career and Getting Hired.** A 4-step process for choosing the right occupation; assessments; tips for creating a realistic job search plan; interview preparation.
- **Week 4: Conclusion of Getting Hired; Americans with Disabilities Act.** How individuals are protected in the workplace; deciding whether, when and how to disclose; case examples.
- **Week 5: Staying Employed.** Tools and techniques for addressing common employment challenges; teaching individuals to self-advocate; intervening with an employer (continues to next session).
- **Week 6: Working with Employers; Autism Hiring Initiatives.** Explaining Asperger’s/autism to employers; tips for modifying the interview process and on-boarding; innovative employer models.



## Participant Feedback

(various training and seminars)

"I was impressed by the content and presentation of the information. Applicable for all of the consumers on our caseload." *Non-Profit*

"Presenter is knowledgeable, professional, and engaging. She provided many concrete examples from her own experience, which makes factual information easier to apply and remember." *Vocational Rehabilitation*

"An excellent seminar. I have a better understanding of the disability and left more confident about my role in assisting my clients obtain employment." *Non-Profit*

"The content and presentation style were excellent!" *Vocational Rehabilitation*

"Your approach is positive and builds on a person's strengths." *Career Counselor*

"Very engaging – I loved the use of activities, case studies, and personal anecdotes." *Career Counselor*

"... informative, relevant, practical and encouraging. It offered a balance of theory and application. Actual client stories delivered a realistic perspective into the challenges of coaching [these individuals]." *Neurodiversity Consultant*

"I highly recommend this program to anyone who ... plans to work with individuals on the spectrum..." *Transition Teacher*

"Using case studies was helpful to see how to apply the concepts. The tools you shared were thorough yet easy to use." *Non-Profit*

"I came away with many tools and strategies ... Barbara pulled heavily from her expertise in the field and provided real-life examples to bring concepts to life." *Career Counselor*

## Program Details

**Employment Success for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum** is open to vocational rehabilitation and DDS professionals, their vendors and other non-profits. The cost is \$795 per person which includes all written materials.

It is expected that participants will attend the live, virtual meetings and contribute to the group learning. We also understand that an unavoidable situation may occur, therefore **each live session will be recorded and available for viewing for two weeks after the original session date.** After that time, the recording will be erased.

For more information or to register  
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## About Barbara Bissonnette



Barbara Bissonnette is a best-selling author and expert on Asperger's Syndrome/autism and employment. Since 2006, she has coached over one thousand individuals on the autism spectrum. She is the author of the award-winning *Complete Guide to Getting a Job for People with Asperger's Syndrome*; the *Asperger's Syndrome Workplace Survival Guide*; and *Helping Adults with Asperger's Syndrome Get & Stay Hired*.

In addition to working with individuals, Barbara offers consultation and training to professionals and employers.

She earned a graduate certificate in Executive Coaching from the Massachusetts School Professional Psychology (now William James) and is certified by Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching.



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