Hello,

The Autism Learning Partnership Branch of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to inform you that the online autism training program, ASD and Behavioural Interventions: An Introduction for School Personnel – Access for Parents/Guardians, will now be available at no cost to all parents and guardians of school-aged children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in New Brunswick. Although ASD and Behavioural Interventions: An Introduction for School Personnel was designed to meet the needs of educational personnel working with children and youth with ASD within the school setting, parents and guardians will also benefit from access to a slightly modified version of this online training program.

Enrolled parents/guardians will have access to online modules pertaining to the basic concepts of ASD, the impact of ASD on learning, as well as the interventions that aim to address the skill deficits associated with ASD. These modules will help parents gain an understanding of the characteristics of ASD and offer them initial training in the evidenced-based interventions being used by school personnel that support learners with ASD. Parents will then be better equipped with the tools to further understand, support and actively participate in their child's intervention.

Online registration will take place between **January 9-31, 2019** and will be done through the Department of Education and Early Childhood <u>website</u>. The course will begin on **February 7, 2019**. Also note that the next period of online registration for the parents of preschool-aged children is from February 6-18, 2019.

Parents who are interested in enrolling can click on the following link: http://asd-tsa.nbed.nb.ca/. If this is not a convenient time, note that enrollment will be possible at another time in the upcoming year. Updates will be provided through the Department website. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Gaudet (lynn.gaudet2@gnb.ca; 506-238-0243).

Thank you for your interest.

Regards,

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