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#### **MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-124**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

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FROM: Lisa Weigel

Director of Individual Learning

DATE: October 5, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Behavior Management/Autism PD

# WDE SPONSORS BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT/ AUTISM WORKSHOPS

The Wyoming Department of Education Division of Individual Learning will be sponsoring a series of Professional Development trainings related to Behavior Management/Autism.

These will take place over the course of the school year, each addressing a new topic. District teams are encouraged to attend and may include, but are not limited to, behavior interventionists, school psychologists, special education teachers, related service providers, administrators, paraprofessional, and general education teachers. All trainings will take place at the Casper Hilton Garden Inn at no cost to participants. Trainings are limited to 65 attendees per session, so participants are encouraged to sign up early.

Professional Development dates and sessions:

#### October 27th-28th

- Foundations of Positive Behavior Management
- Working with Kids with High-Functioning Autism: Practical Strategies for the Classroom Presenter

## January 27th-28th

- Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Plans, and Data Collection
- Effective Behavior Management Strategies for Students with Autism: Practical Magic

### April 4th-5th

- Building a Strong Interaction Repertoire and Decreasing Disruption with Kids with High-Functioning Autism: Self-Regulation, Replacement Behaviors, and Social Skills Related to Employment
- Teaching Social Skills, Replacement Behaviors, and Self-Regulation

Trainers for these sessions include Melisa Genaux and Aaron Stabel. Melisa Genaux works with school districts across the country in the areas of classroom and behavior management, Autism Spectrum Disorder and social skills training. She has written and produced training videos for the education law publishing company, LRP Publications, and is a speaker at the LRP Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Students with Disabilities. Aaron Stabel is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Through his work as a behavioral and educational consultant for school district and families, he assesses and implements interventions for children with ASD, ADHD, emotional disturbance and other developmental disabilities across the United States.

Register at http://wde.memberlodge.com/.

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