

**PIVOTAL RESPONSE TREATMENT CERTIFICATION LEVEL II:
INTRODUCTORY IMPLEMENTER**

Using PRT to Teach First Words and Multiple Word Utterances

To be certified in Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT) at Level II, individuals must participate in our Remote PRT Training and Certification Program, outlined below.

Requirements: Certification in PRT at Level I.

Objective: The objective of the Level II Training and Certification Program is to introduce participants to the PRT motivational procedures and to establish participant ability to implement the PRT motivational procedures for teaching beginning verbal communication (e.g., first words and multiple word utterances) to children with ASD with fidelity.

Certification as an introductory implementer at Level II is achieved through teaching beginning verbal communication to *one child with ASD across three different activities*, while meeting criteria for fidelity of PRT implementation.

Summary of Process: To be certified at Level II, participants must meet fidelity of implementation with one child with ASD across three different 10-minute video probes (spanning across a minimum of three different activities). Generally speaking, within the Level II Program:

- (1) TO REGISTER: Participants complete and submit (via mail or email) the Level II Registration Form and pay the Level II \$450.00 USD fee by sending a check to the address provided on the Registration Form or online with a debit card, credit card, or PayPal account.
- (2) Participants collect and submit a 15-minute baseline video probe of themselves attempting to elicit verbal communication through implementation of PRT motivational procedures with one child with ASD in the context of a play-based interaction.
- (3) Training materials are sent to the participant through mail (standard UPS shipping). Training materials include PRT training manuals (*Pivotal Response Treatment®: Using Motivation as a Pivotal Response* and *Using Pivotal Response Treatment® to Teach First Words to Children with Autism*), research articles, and access to an online video training module.
- (4) Participants work through the training materials independently at their own pace, then video tape themselves (in three 10-minute video probes) implementing the PRT procedures highlighted in the training with one child with ASD across a minimum of three different activities. Specifically, using the PRT motivational procedures to teach beginning verbal communication (e.g., first words and/or multiple word utterances).
- (5) Participants submit the three 10-minute video probes through mail, and our team assesses for fidelity of PRT implementation.
- (6) The participant then receives a Score and Feedback Report corresponding to the three submitted video probes.
- (7) If fidelity of implementation *is not* achieved on the three 10-minute video probes, the participant has an opportunity to apply the feedback and collect and submit additional video probes to be assessed for fidelity of PRT implementation.

Once the participant meets fidelity of implementation with one child with ASD across three different 10-minute video probes (spanning across a minimum of three different activities), he or she is certified in Pivotal Response Treatment at Level II: Introductory Implementer, will receive a formal certificate of completion, and is eligible to enroll in the Level III PRT Training and Certification Program: Generalization of PRT Motivational Procedures (across multiple children with ASD).

Registration Instructions:

To register for the Level II PRT Training and Certification Program:

(A) Complete and submit the Registration Form: The Registration Form is available at <http://www.autismprthelp.com/online-prt-certification.php>. Click on the link for “Certification Registration

Form” at the bottom of the web page to download the form. Complete the Registration Form and submit through email to kristin@koegelautism.com or through mail to the address provided on the form, also included below.

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(B) Payment: The fee for the Level II PRT Training and Certification Program is \$450.00 USD. This fee includes the materials outlined above, fidelity assessment and written feedback on up to six 10-minute video probes, and fidelity assessment only (no written feedback) on an additional three 10-minute video probes, as well as a formal certificate of completion.

- Please note: If fidelity of implementation is not met on three 10-minute video probes (across three different activities) after three sets of three video probes (fidelity assessment and written feedback on up to six video probes and fidelity assessment only on an additional three video probes), participants must pay an additional fee for further scoring and feedback.

The \$450.00 payment can be made *online* with a credit card or PayPal account or by sending a *check* through mail.

To make a secure payment online, please visit our website at the following link:
<http://www.autismprthelp.com/online-prt-certification.php>.

Scroll down the page until you find the option that reads “Level II: Introductory Implementer.” Click on the “Buy Now” button below the program title and description. This will bring you to the PayPal page, where you can pay through a debit or credit card, or with a PayPal account.

Alternatively, participants can send a check for \$450.00 made out to *Koegel Autism Consultants: PRT Certification* to the address below, along with your completed registration form or copy of your registration form (if submitted through email).

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*Please note: International participants pay an additional \$75.00 fee to cover the increased shipping costs, bringing the total cost of the program to \$525.00 International residents please select “Level II: Introductory Implementer-International” if paying online.

Once we receive the completed registration form and payment, you will receive an email confirming registration for the Level II PRT Training and Certification Program.

(C) Baseline Video Probe: The next step is to collect and submit a baseline video probe:

Specifically, videotape yourself interacting with one child with ASD. During this play-based interaction, try to get the child to communicate with you verbally as much as possible.

Baseline video probe guidelines:

- The video should be 15 *consecutive* minutes.
- The video should be of the participant attempting to implement the Pivotal Response Treatment motivational procedures with 1 child with ASD to elicit beginning verbal communication (e.g. first words and multiple word utterances).

- The video should not be paused but run continuously.
- In the baseline videotape, participants can feel free to do a variety of activities.

Participants should save the video probe to a CD/DVD or to a USB storage device (e.g., flash drive) and mail to the address below, along with the original registration form or a copy of the registration form (if submitted via email).

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Once we receive (A) your completed registration form (B) the \$450 Level II payment, and (C) your baseline video probe, the Level II training materials along with specific instruction on how to proceed with the program will be sent out through UPS to the participant address provided the submitted Registration Form.

The Training Module:

Once the participant receives the Level II package, he or she will work through the included materials independently at his or her own pace.

Fidelity Probe: After reviewing the training materials, participants **videotape** themselves **implementing the PRT motivational procedures for teaching beginning verbal communication** (first words and multiple word utterances) outlined in the training manuals and video training module.

- With **1 child** with ASD.
- In **three 10-minute video probes** (note: each probe must be a *consecutive* 10 minutes).
- **Across 3 different activities** (e.g. snack, playground, playing with toys, etc).
 - For example:
 - Video probe #1 (John Doe, 10-minutes, snack time).
 - Video probe #2 (John Doe, 10-minutes, ball popper toy).
 - Video probe #2 (John Doe, 10-minutes, bubbles and puzzles).
- The total combined time of the three video probes should be 30 minutes.
 - 10 minutes for each video probe. Three probes. With a single child with ASD across three activities (a different activity for each video probe).
 - The 30 minutes need not be consecutive. Only each 10-minute video probe must be consecutive.
 - It is *not* necessary to engage in the same activity for the entire 10-minute probe. It is just necessary to see PRT implemented across at least three different activities across the three video probes.

More detailed instructions related to the collection and submission of video probes will be provided on the Level II package instructions.

Participants then mail the video probes in to be assessed for fidelity of implementation.

Once the three video probes are received, fidelity of PRT implementation will be assessed. Within 2-4 weeks, you will receive a Score and Feedback Report, outlining your fidelity assessment scores and providing you with written feedback on your implementation of PRT procedures for teaching verbal communication across each video probe.

If fidelity *is* achieved on all three 10-minute video probes, the participant is certified at Level II. If you do *not* meet fidelity of implementation on one or more of the video probes, you will receive the Score and

Feedback Report, and will have an opportunity to implement feedback and collect and submit additional video probes demonstrating your acquisition of PRT intervention skills.

Please feel free to contact the PRT Training and Certification Project Coordinator, Kristin Wheatley, M.A. at kristin@koegelautism.com or (925) 683-6631 if you have any questions regarding the Level II Program or how to get started. Thank you for your interest in Pivotal Response Treatment and the Level II Remote Training and Certification Program.