

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

Using PRT to Teach First Words and Multiple Word Utterances

Prerequisite: Level I PRT Certification

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

Program Overview:

Registration:

Participants complete and submit the Level II Registration Form (via mail or email). The \$450.00 USD fee can be paid online or by mailing a check to the address on the registration form.

Baseline Video Probe:

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.

Training Materials:

Once the baseline video is received, training materials are sent to the participant by email or mail, including: (1) *Pivotal Response Treatment®: Using Motivation as a Pivotal Response*, (2) *Using Pivotal Response Treatment® to Teach First Words to Children with Autism*, (3) a journal article, and (4) access to an online video training module. Participants work through the materials at their own pace and then videotape their implementation of the procedures with a child with ASD across a minimum of 3 activities.

Fidelity Scoring:

Participants submit three 10-minute video probes by email or mail. Once videos have been scored, participants receive a Score and Feedback Report on their fidelity of implementation. Participants who meet fidelity will receive a formal certificate of completion and certification as a Level II Introductory Implementer of PRT and become eligible to enroll in the Level III Program. If fidelity *is not* achieved on one or more video probes, the participant has an opportunity to apply the feedback and submit additional video probes to be assessed for fidelity of implementation.

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 [here](#). Please send your completed form to prtautismcertification@gmail.com.

(B) Payment: The \$450.00 USD fee includes the materials outlined above, fidelity assessment, written feedback, and a formal certificate of completion. Please note: If fidelity of implementation is not met after three separate attempts to submit qualifying video probes, participants must pay an additional fee for further scoring and feedback. 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](#) and scroll down to “Level II: Introductory Implementer of PRT.” Currently, there is no additional fee for international participants, as materials are being distributed electronically due to COVID-19 concerns.

(C) Baseline Video Probe: Once we receive your completed registration form and payment, you will receive an email with the consent forms and instructions needed to complete a baseline video probe. You will then collect and submit a videotape of yourself interacting with a child with ASD and attempting to implement the PRT motivational procedures. During this play-based interaction, try to get the child to communicate with you verbally as much as possible.

The baseline video should:

- Run for 15 *consecutive* minutes; do not pause the video for any reason.
- Demonstrate your attempt to implement the PRT motivational procedures with 1 child with ASD to elicit beginning verbal communication (e.g., first words and multiple word utterances).
- Show play-based interactions. Feel free to do a variety of activities during the 15-minute probe.

Please send your baseline video probe through an online file-sharing program (e.g., Dropbox, Google Drive) or by saving the video to a CD/DVD or USB storage device (e.g., flash drive) and mailing it to the address listed on the registration form. Once we receive your baseline video, you will receive an email with the electronic materials and instructions for completing the level II program.

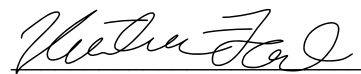
Training Module:

Participants work through the Level II certification materials independently at their own pace. 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. Post-training videos will also take place with 1 child with ASD, including (1) three 10-minute video probes, taken place across (2) three different activities (e.g., snack, playground, playing with toys). More detailed instructions related to the collection and submission of video probes will be provided in the Level II package instructions.

Once the 3 post-training video probes are received, they will be assessed for fidelity of implementation. 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 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 have an opportunity to implement feedback from the Score and Feedback Report and submit additional video probes demonstrating your acquisition of PRT intervention skills.

Please feel free to contact the PRT Certification Project Coordinator, Lizzie Ponder, M.A., BCBA at lizzie@koegelautism.com or (408) 206-1577 if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in Pivotal Response Treatment and the Level II Remote Training and Certification Program!

Sincerely,



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