

## Professional Development to Support the Care Team





Screen children's social communication development using the Smart ESAC and determine if further evaluation is needed.

**SC**•DIT

## What Role Can You Play?



## About Our Professional Development Courses

Autism Navigator courses were developed through a partnership between FIRST WORDS Project and Autism Navigator. Learn more about our courses at AutismNavigator.com. Group rates are available for Autism Navigator courses. If you are interested, please contact us.

Autism Navigator for Primary Care is for physicians and other healthcare providers in primary care, service coordinators and team members in early intervention systems making decisions about eligibility, and child development specialists in early learning environments who screen and make referrals. This 8-hour course integrates current research with video illustrations of over two-dozen toddlers with ASD and families participating in early screening, diagnosis, and intervention. Those who complete the course can apply to screen children with the Early Screening for Autism and Communication Disorders (ESAC), an innovative new screener for children 12-36 months of age that is based on parent report and utilizes "smart" technology. Providers can invite families to our family portal where they have unlimited access to the best web-based courses, tools, and resources in our Seamless Path for Families. Learn how to enroll at AutismNavigator.com

Autism Navigator for Early Intervention Providers is designed to increase the capacity of early intervention providers to coach families of young children with or at risk for ASD. The 30-hour self-paced course at the Knowledge and Skills level integrates current research with extensive video illustrations covering five topics: 1) Improving Early Detection, 2) Collaborating with Families, 3) Developmental Perspectives, 4) Evidence-based Intervention Strategies, and 5) Addressing Challenging Behaviors. The Mastery level course is for those who have completed the 30-hour course. It contains extensive libraries of video clips and self-guided lessons to provide opportunities to practice and implement concepts learned and to access more video examples to better serve families. Providers are invited to monthly interactive webinars for each course level to be part of a larger Autism Navigator learner community. Learn how to enroll at AutismNavigator.com

About Autism in Toddlers is our first web-based course free to the public for families, professionals, and anyone interested in learning about autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This self-paced course has video clips of over a dozen toddlers with ASD at 18 to 24 months of age. This course is also the perfect introductory pre-service or in-service course for professionals who want to learn about ASD in young children and earn continuing education units (CEUs) for completing this course for a small fee and by passing a learner assessment. Register and login at AutismNavigator.com

Social Communication Development in Infants and Toddlers (SC•DIT) is an online professional development course designed as a stand-alone course for CEUs or a module within a university course. It is geared for interprofessional training for child development, communication science and disorders, psychology, social work, early childhood education and special education, nursing, pediatrics, family medicine, or other related fields. This self-paced Knowledge and Skills level course has an Explore function with side-by-side video players to illustrate 80 social communication milestones that develop from 9-24 months of age organized into two threads for each of 5 domains-language, play, social interaction, emotional regulation, and self-directed learning. The Study Guide function of the course has self-guided Lessons to provide opportunities to study how the social communication milestones shift and change over time from 9-24 months, how reaching milestones in these 5 developmental domains culminate in school readiness indicators by 24 months, and how the developmental interaction of reaching these milestones across domains has a cumulative impact that leads to 5 critical paths to learning. The Mastery level of this course is designed for home visitors interested in further training to support families enrolled in the Social Communication Growth Charts. Coming soon (August 2017)