

# AN UPDATE ON AUTISM SERVICE EXPANSION

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# OUR STRUCTURE

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# VCU AUTISM CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

- COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDED IN SPRING 2017
- 3 TO 5 YEAR INTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
- FOUR STRATEGIC GOALS

# GOAL 1: CURRICULUM CONTENT AREA OF FOCUS DISCIPLINE & BEHAVIOR

- SOCIAL SKILLS AND SOCIAL COMPETENCE FOCUS
- SOCIAL COMMUNICATION AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM CURRICULUM



# GOAL 2: EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES

## AUTISM PROGRAM WALKTHROUGH TOOL

- FIRST YEAR PILOT
- AREAS OF FOCUS:
  - PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT
  - VISUAL STRATEGIES
  - FUNCTIONAL COMMUNICATION
  - INSTRUCTION (ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, BEHAVIOR)
  - CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
  - CLASSROOM STAFF
- REFINEMENT AND MOVING FORWARD

# GOAL 3: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES AND PLAN TIERED SYSTEM OF TRAINING

- DIFFERENTIATED TRAINING ALL STAKEHOLDERS
  - COMPETENCY LEVELS
  - COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
  - BUILDING LEVEL AUTISM RESOURCE



## GOAL 4: SYSTEMS CHANGE

- AUTISM TEAM
- COMPETENCY AND STRENGTH BASED DEVELOPMENT
- COACHING MODEL DEVELOPMENT

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- VCU AUTISM CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ([HTTPS://VCUAUTISMCENTER.ORG](https://vcuautismcenter.org))
  - FOUNDATIONS OF AUTISM
  - EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES FOR TEACHING STUDENTS WITH AUTISM
- AUTISM QUARTERLY MEETINGS
- PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN AUTISM
- MONTHLY TA/BA TRAINING
- MANDT: RELATIONAL & TECHNICAL
- SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS INSTITUTE