

Announcing New SPeCTRUM 2.0 Training ODP Announcement 19-072

AUDIENCE:

Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) providers and Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)

PURPOSE:

To announce the availability of an updated version of the required SPeCTRUM training for AAW and ACAP providers and SCOs, and to outline the requirements and timeframes for providers and SCOs to meet the new training requirements

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), Bureau of Autism Services (BAS) is pleased to announce the availability of a new required training in MyODP for all Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) providers and SCOs: SPeCTRUM 2.0

**SPeCTRUM 2.0 is now hosted in MyODP.
SPeCTRUM 2.0 replaces the previous version of the SPeCTRUM course
that was hosted on an external site.**

This multi-module training was developed to serve as a foundational training for all individuals supporting adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In addition, SPeCTRUM 2.0 is a **required training course** for AAW and ACAP Direct Service Providers, to help them effectively provide services for program participants. It must be completed before enrolling as a provider and before providing services.

- **Newly Enrolling AAW Provider Agencies and SCOs:**
 - Are required to **have a minimum of one staff person within the agency complete Modules 1 and 2 of SPeCTRUM 2.0** in order to be enrolled as a provider.

- **Modules 1-2** must be completed by **all individual staff members** employed by an agency who will be providing direct services **prior to providing direct services to any program participants**.
 - **Modules 3-9** must be completed by all individual staff members employed by an agency who will be providing direct services **within 60 days of beginning to provide services to any program participants**.
- **New provider and SCO staff and new ACAP staff:**
 - **Modules 1-2** must be completed by all individual staff members employed by an agency who will be providing direct services **prior to providing direct services to any program participants**.
 - **Modules 3-9** must be completed by all individual staff members employed by an agency who will be providing direct services **within 60 days of beginning to provide services to any program participants**.
- **Current provider and SCO staff and ACAP staff (who have taken SPeCTRUM 1.0 and are currently providing services to AAW or ACAP participants):**
 - Are required to complete **all 9 modules of SPeCTRUM 2.0 by October 1, 2019**.
- **Current provider and SCO staff and ACAP staff (who have taken SPeCTRUM 1.0 and are NOT currently providing services to AAW or ACAP participants):**
 - Are required to complete **all 9 modules of SPeCTRUM 2.0 prior to providing services to an AAW or ACAP participant**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Training requirements have been modified. Previously, Behavioral Specialist Services providers were not required to complete the SPeCTRUM training. However, **all providers, including Behavioral Specialist Services providers, are now required to complete the SPeCTRUM 2.0 training**.

To access SPeCTRUM 2.0, [click this link](#):

<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=1070>

If you have not already done so, you will need to create a free account on MyODP before accessing the SPeCTRUM 2.0 training. Instructions for setting up an account can be found on the home page of MyODP.org

Please note that the original Autism SPeCTRUM Training course hosted on the external site (Avilar) will be closing on June 30, 2019. If you are currently working on the original training, you will need to complete it before that date.

Contact the MyODP Help Desk for technical support. Other questions? Email the [BAS Training mailbox](#).