Project ImPACT
Training Overview

What is Project ImPACT?
Project ImPACT is an evidence-based parent-mediated intervention program based on best practices in early intervention.

- Teaches core social communication skills in a developmental framework
- Uses a blend of developmental and ABA teaching strategies within play and daily routines
- Uses effective parent coaching and engagement strategies to help parents learn and use the intervention
- Includes elements to support community use, including detailed procedures, family-friendly materials, and a flexible delivery model

How do providers get certified to deliver Project ImPACT?
There are three steps providers must complete to become certified in Project ImPACT.

1. Complete **20 hours of introductory training**. Training involves a 6-hour, online tutorial that introduces the intervention techniques, followed by a 2-day workshop that uses active learning strategies to help providers apply the intervention techniques and parent coaching strategies. Organizations may opt for a 3-day in person version.

2. Receive **9 months of consultation** from an ImPACT trainer while using the program with families. Consultation involves video review, feedback on case presentations, and problem-solving around difficult cases and implementation issues. Consultation is conducted via videoconferencing and may be conducted individually or in groups.

   **Individual consultation:** Provider receives 6, 1-hour individual consultation meetings with an ImPACT Trainer. Provider must submit training materials and video for review prior to each meeting.

   **Group consultation:** Groups of 3-6 providers from the same organization participate in 1-hour group consultation meetings twice a month with an ImPACT Trainer.

3. Meet **fidelity of implementation** through submission of video of key components of the program. Video submission is completed as part of the consultation process. If providers do not meet fidelity during consultation, they may submit additional videos to be reviewed for a fee.

Who is Project ImPACT for?
Project ImPACT is for young children with social communication delays, including autism spectrum disorder. It is designed for children up to age six, but may be used for older children with cognitive and language delays.

How was Project ImPACT developed?
Project ImPACT is the result of over 15 years of research and development. The developers worked together with families, providers, administrators, and experts to ensure that Project ImPACT can be used effectively a variety of community intervention programs.

Who can deliver Project ImPACT?
A variety of early intervention professionals - including speech therapists, BCBAs, special educators, social workers, psychologists, and occupational therapists - can coach families effectively in Project ImPACT.

How do I get more information on Training and Certification?
We offer the introductory training every year in the spring in East Lansing, MI. We also offer on-site introductory training to organizations on a limited basis. For more information on training and certification or to receive a training quote, please contact: autlab@msu.edu.

To learn more about the evidence base for interventions like Project ImPACT, visit:
NPDC-ASD (2014): autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/