

Washington State Autism Center of Excellence (COE) Certification Training Friday, March 6, 2026 8:30-4:30 PT

Completion of a free online 3 credit CME 1 course -- "Autism Identification and Collaborative Care" from the American Academy of Pediatrics/ PediaLink is required before the training. Details can be found on the Medical Home website found below.

To register online, visit

<https://medicalhome.org/coe>

Please register no later than Monday of the training week you want to attend

Email for information:

autismcoe@uw.edu

Training based on the user friendly "Washington State Autism COE Quick Start Guide"!

<https://medicalhome.org/COEquickstart.pdf>

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (COE) certification allows eligible providers to diagnose autism spectrum disorder for pediatric patients with WA State Medicaid insurance and write a covered prescription for ABA if medically necessary.

Eligible COE providers: MD, DO, ARNP, PMHNP, ND and PA-C.

Note: Neurologists, psychiatrists, licensed psychologists and developmental behavioral pediatricians are recognized as COEs without attending the training.

SLPs, OTs, mental health clinicians, care coordinators, school personnel, administrators and other partners in evaluating and /or caring for autistic children and youth are also welcome.

Presenters:

- **Gary Stobbe, MD:** Neurologist
- **Jim Mancini, MS, CCC-SLP,** Speech and Language Pathologist
- **Jen Gerdts, PhD:** Psychologist
- **Karís Casagrande, PhD:** Psychologist
- And additional multi-disciplinary experts including a PCP COE, autistic self advocate, parent and Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA)

The free Live ZOOM COE training focuses on current research and thinking regarding the evaluation, treatment and continuing care for autistic children and youth and their families including:

- Getting support from your administration
- Screening, evaluation and diagnosis
- Differential diagnosis and co-occurring diagnoses
- Diagnostic evaluation models
- Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and other Interventions
- Documentation, billing codes and orders
- Lived experience perspectives from autistic and family advocates
- Advice from current community COE clinicians
- Resources for families
- ECHO Autism Washington and other follow up support
- Q & A and connect with regional partners

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