



New Mexico  
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# Complimentary Professional Development for Educators Technical Assistance Program (TAP)



LIVE VIRTUAL COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM



## *Educators Resources for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders & Other Disabilities: **Supporting Social Skills***

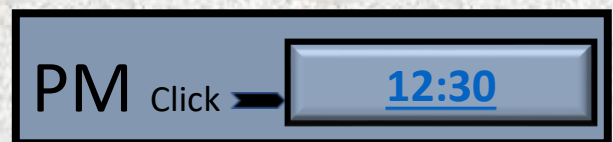
*Thursday, December 9, 2021*

**8:30 - 11:30 AM OR 12:30 - 3:30 PM**

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Supporting social interaction is an important piece of the student's educational plan. Students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) often have the desire to interact with others, but do not have the skills to engage appropriately or may be overwhelmed by the process. Some students are painfully aware of their social deficits and will avoid interactions even though they desperately want to connect with others. Others will engage in attention seeking behavior to connect with others until they build the skills they need to interact. Building competence will result in an increase in interest and interaction.

During this workshop, we will explore the following topics: understanding social development, deficits, and differences, educational and vocational impact of social impairment, identifying and teaching "hidden rules", practical strategies to help students process and respond to social information, social skills supports for increasing "expected" (positive) behaviors, building community in the classroom, social interaction teaching plans, and more.



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