

GOLISANO INSTITUTE *for Developmental Disability Nursing*

Opportunity to help with development of COVID 19 online/virtual training modules
for parents of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

This project is funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and is a collaboration between the Golisano Institute for Developmental Disability Nursing at St. John Fisher College and the Daemen College Applied Behavior Analysis Department. The primary tasks for this project will be to develop three new, and refine one existing, COVID-related online/virtual training modules for parents of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), caregivers in family homes, and caregivers in congregate care settings.

We are seeking up to fifteen (15) families, with a family member who has a **confirmed diagnosis of autism**, to participate in the project development. The parent/caregiver will be asked to commit approximately one hour per week to the project. The number of weeks can be flexible based on time constraints for the parent/caregiver, and as few as 4 weeks, but can be for a maximum of 30 weeks if the parent is interested. Additionally, the meeting day/time each week can be flexible and does not need to be every week. The parents/caregiver(s) will work directly with a graduate student from the Applied Behavior Analysis program at Daemen College and the graduate student's practicum supervisor. Practicum supervisors are faculty at Daemen College in the Department of Applied Behavior Analysis. Faculty are licensed in Applied Behavior Analysis in New York and are Board Certified in Behavior Analysis.

To participate the parent/caregiver will need to obtain a **prescription or order** from a qualified licensed provider (e.g., physician, psychologist) for their family member to receive ABA services. The project materials will be designed for persons with I/DD and their families and not be specific to only autism. However, due to the constraints on the license in ABA in New York, the practicum student is only authorized to work with individuals with autism who have a diagnosis and prescription or order for ABA.

The projected start date will be early January, 2021. We will consider families on a first come/first serve basis. Please contact Dr. Deborah Napolitano with any questions or interest



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