**Title:** Supporting Communication and Social Engagement in Children and Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum

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**Workshop Description:** Individuals on the autism spectrum have unique challenges related to communication and social engagement. These challenges often impact their ability to participate in school and community environments. There are many evidence-based practices (EBPs) that have been successfully implemented in school and community settings and support growth in communication and social engagement. This presentation will provide an overview of key EBPs, video examples of EBP implementation, and tried and true tips for using and supporting others in using these EBPs in real-world settings.

**Recommended Length:** 6-8 hours

**Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this program, the participant should be able to:

1. Discuss communication and social needs of children and adolescents with autism
2. Identify and select evidence-based practices that can be used to meet communication and social needs of children and adolescents with autism.
3. Locate freely available resources to support implementation of evidence-based practices
4. Develop an action plan to implement evidence-based practices to support the social and communication needs of a specific child/adolescent with autism