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## TRIAD TEACHER TRAINING (TTT) 2011-2012

During the 2011-2012 school year, the TN DOE will again collaborate with TRIAD of Vanderbilt to provide **hands-on teacher training** to those staff who work with children with autism.

The training consists of three days of lecture and experience with children who have autism, plus the opportunity to receive a site visit in the trainee's setting within two months of their training. Training topics include characteristics, assessment, methodologies, communication, and behavior. Applicants can include general and special education teachers, speech-language therapists, related service personnel, behavior consultants, or other school personnel involved in educating students with autism. (Paraprofessionals who work with a student with autism will have a separate two-day training in August, 2011. Please check the DOE website for details.)

TTTs take place in middle Tennessee at a public school. Participants must attend all three days to be eligible for the site visit and certificate. During 2011-2012, trainings offered will include Basic K-6, Basic Middle/High School, and Advanced K-12 (dates are listed on the application). **Please do not assume you will attend simply because you return the form.** You will be notified four weeks in advance if you are accepted. **Applicants must currently be serving a student(s) with autism and work in a public school**

There is **no cost** for the training or materials. The only cost to participants is transportation, food, and lodging, (if needed). Participants must fill out an application and be accepted. A maximum of two people from the same system can be accepted for the same training.

**Interested staff may contact Linda Copas in the Office of Special Education at (615) 741-7790 for an application, or e-mail her at [Linda.Copas@tn.gov](mailto:Linda.Copas@tn.gov)**

There are also several other options for training other than the three-day hands-on sessions. These include the Paraeducator workshop (2 day session), full-day workshops (spring), focused workshops (one or two-day session), Parent workshop (half-day), General Education workshop (two days) and Administrator Academy (two days), and Summer Institutes (4 days). Please call or e-mail Linda Copas for more information.

If your staff has had TRIAD Training, ask Linda Copas about the Autism Team Partnership for your school.