The Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University is pleased to invite applications for training in Positive Behavior Support Facilitation for those who support people with disabilities. This training is provided through a grant from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. **Deadline for applications, including post assessment certificates from the online training portion, is January 17, 2020.**

**What topics are covered by the training?**

- Person-Centered Thinking
- Team Facilitation Techniques
- Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
- Developing Supportive Environments
- Functional Behavior Assessment
- Collecting and Analyzing Behavioral Data
- Developing Behavioral Hypotheses
- Recognizing and responding to Abuse/Trauma
- Antecedent Interventions
- Environmental Design
- Teaching Alternative Skills
- Developing Positive Consequences
- Training Staff to Implement Plans
- Evaluating the Impact of Positive Interventions
- Changing Systems to Support People in the Community

**Who should attend?**

Any professional supporting people with disabilities who is interested in providing behavioral consultation including but not limited to:

- Behavior Consultants, Specialists, or Analysts
- Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers or School Behavioral Specialists
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Case Managers, Qualified Intellectual Disability Professionals
- Qualified Mental Health Professionals
- Rehabilitation Counselors
- Physical, Speech, Occupational, Recreational or Expressive Therapists
- Special Educators

**What is required to apply for training?**

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited university. A degree in human services field is preferred.
- Experience supporting people with disabilities for at least 3 of the past 5 years
- Completed pre-assessment, online training post assessment completion certificates, and commitment agreement, all of which is due on January 17, 2020. **Completion of 11 modules (25 hours) of prerequisite online training, to be successfully completed prior to January 17, 2020.** Just completion of the online prerequisite does not guarantee you a spot in the training! You must demonstrate completion of the prerequisite online training, pre-assessment, and sign the commitment agreement before your application will be considered. Your completion of the online training and other application materials is the first test of your commitment to this lengthy process. **The training is available at:** [https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/](https://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/) Please see the application for more details on the specific classes that are required, for a tutorial on how to access the prerequisite online classes, and for instructions on uploading the post assessment training certificates.
**Where does the training take place?**
The training will take place in Eastern Virginia, likely in the Peninsula area. The exact location has not been determined.

**What is the cost?**
The *actual* cost of the training, books, mentoring, and endorsement is approximately $3,000 per person, but thanks to a grant from DBHDS, **participants will pay only $800** for tuition in the class. Upon completion of PBS endorsement by June 2021, a rebate of $400 will be provided. Tuition is due on the first day of training.

**When will the training take place?**
The training will begin at 9:00 AM and end at approximately 4:00 PM. Tentative dates are:

- February 12
- February 19
- February 26
- March 4
- March 11
- March 18
- March 25
- April 1
- April 15
- April 22
- April 29
- May 13
- May 20
- May 27
- Jun 3 (weather make-up day)

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