

**PIVOTAL RESPONSE TREATMENT CERTIFICATION LEVEL IV:
ADVANCED IMPLEMENTER IN
Socialization Training**

**To be certified at this level, individuals must participate in our Remote PRT Training and Certification Program outlined below.*

Objective:

- To establish participants ability to demonstrate fidelity in implementing a variety of social facilitation strategies using the foundational PRT intervention components.
- Specifically, participants must demonstrate the ability to organize and implement cooperative arrangements and facilitate social interactions by prompting social initiating and responding.
- To be certified at this level, participants must meet criteria for fidelity of implementation in facilitating social interactions with **3 different children with ASD**.
- Participants wishing to complete Level IV: Socialization certification must have previously completed certification Levels I-III.

Fee:

- Participants pay a \$400.00 fee for the Level IV: Socialization Remote Training and Certification Program.
- International participants pay an additional \$75.00 to cover the increased shipping costs.
- This fee includes: Training manuals, research articles, training module DVD, fidelity assessment, and written feedback.
- If fidelity is not met after two rounds of written feedback and fidelity assessment on up to three sets of video probes, participants may pay additional \$100 fee for further training at this phase.

Instructions:

Registration:

- Individuals interested in becoming certified at Level IV: Socialization through the Remote Training and Certification Program should download the corresponding registration form available at www.koegelprt.com.
- Once the registration form is complete, participants should email it directly to the PRT Training and Certification project coordinator at kristin@koegelprt.com or mail it to:

PRT Training and Certification
Attn: Kristin Wheatley
1547 Palos Verdes Mall #416
Walnut Creek, CA. 94597

Payment:

- *Mail In:* Participants should mail their payment of \$400.00, as well as the completed registration form to the above address.
 - Checks should be written payable to: *Koegel Autism Consultants: PRT Certification*.
 - Payment and registration form should be mailed together, in the same envelope to the address above.
- *Online:* Participants also have the option to visit the website www.koegelprt.com and make a secure payment with credit card via PayPal.
 - After completing online payment, make sure to include your Transaction ID number on the Registration Form.
- Within two weeks of receiving your Registration Form *and* payment, you will receive an email confirming your registration the Level IV: Socialization Training and Certification Program.
- Koegel PRT will verify your completion of Level I-III Certification prior to starting the process of Level IV Certification.

The Training Module:

- Once payment has been confirmed, the Level IV: Socialization Training and Certification materials will

be shipped to the address included on the Registration Form. This package will also include instructions on how to proceed with the remote training.

Participants will review required reading materials and view a training module DVD.

Fidelity Probe: After viewing the training module, participants should:

- Videotape themselves implementing PRT procedures for facilitating social interactions between the child with ASD and their typically developing sibling or peer(s). Specifically, implementing cooperative arrangements and prompting social initiating and responding.
 - Although this training module highlights a variety of different socialization strategies, the primary social facilitation strategy used in PRT is implementing cooperative arrangements. For the purposes of this assessment, participants must collect video of facilitating social interactions within a cooperative arrangement.
- Collect video facilitating cooperative arrangements with **3 different children**.
 - At least one child should have more severe social communication impairments and less advanced social communication skills. At least one child should have fewer social communication impairments and have more advanced social communication skills.
- Participants collect three ten-minute probes of social facilitation. One 10-min probe for each child.
- Each video probe should demonstrate the participant implementing cooperative arrangements facilitating social interactions through prompting social initiating and responding. All three video probes must include the following criteria.
 - Organize and implement cooperative arrangements:
 - Use structured games with clear rules for game play.
 - Games should include turn taking and multiple pieces. Pieces can be divided up or placed in container and passed around.
 - Games should include clear natural reinforcers that can be delivered contingently.
 - Prompt social initiating and responding:
 - Prompt nonverbal initiating and responding (e.g. delivering /taking the natural reinforcers).
 - Prompt verbal initiating and responding.
 - Especially related to turn taking, the progression of the game, and the multiple pieces acting as natural reinforcers.
 - Use the least-to-most restrictive prompt hierarchy and prompt fading mechanism.
 - Embed the PRT motivational components into each opportunity for social interaction.
- The entire videotape should be approximately 30 minutes.
 - Three 10-minute probes; one for each child.
- A brief description of each child and “lesson plan” describing the activity/game, social objectives, and cooperative arrangement strategies being used should also be included.

Additional Videotaping Guidelines:

- **KEEP TAPING!** Even if the child begins to exhibit disruptive behavior, etc. please **do not stop taping**. If you do stop taping, start the 10-minute count over again.
- Please do not try to videotape and act as implementer. Stabilize the camera or have another person videotape.
- If possible, have someone video tape you interacting with your child, this way you can concentrate on interacting with your child.
- Make sure the “video taper” is close enough that they can hear what is being said.
- Make sure the child’s face is seen, rather than the back of their head or side of face.

- If indoors, try to avoid having sunlight behind you. The figures become dark and cannot be seen.

Participants are assessed for fidelity of implementation according to the attached criteria.

Participants should mail the fidelity videotape to the following address:

PRT Training and Certification
Attn: Kristin Wheatley
1547 Palos Verdes Mall #416
Walnut Creek, CA. 94597

Certification Completion:

- Once this videotape is received, the participant's fidelity of implementation is assessed. If criteria for fidelity are met, then the participant is certified at Level IV in socialization training.
- If fidelity is not met, participants receive a written feedback report and have an additional opportunity to send in videotapes demonstrating acquisition of skills.
- If fidelity is not met after two rounds of written feedback and fidelity assessment on up to three sets of video probes, participants may pay additional \$100 fee for further training at this phase.
- Once participants have met fidelity of implementation, they will receive a certificate of completion for Level IV: Socialization via mail.

This level is currently available.

Please feel free to contact the PRT Certification project coordinator, Kristin Wheatley, M.A. at kristin@koegelpert.com or (925) 683-6631 if you have any questions regarding the certification program or how to get started. Thank you for your interest in Pivotal Response Treatment and the Level IV: Socialization Training and Certification Program.