

**PIVOTAL RESPONSE TREATMENT CERTIFICATION LEVEL III:
GENERALIZATION**

Generalizing PRT Procedures to Multiple Children with ASD

To be certified in Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT) at Level III, individuals must participate in our Remote PRT Training and Certification Program, outlined below.

Pre-requirements: Certification in PRT at Level I and II.

Objective: The objective of the Level III PRT Training and Certification Program is to establish participant ability to generalize implementation of the PRT motivational procedures for teaching beginning verbal social-communication across a range of children with ASD.

Certification at Level III is achieved through teaching beginning verbal communication (i.e., first words and multiple word utterances) *across three different children with ASD at differing skill levels*, while meeting criteria for fidelity of PRT implementation.

Summary of Process: To be certified at Level III, participants must meet fidelity PRT of implementation using the motivational procedures for teaching beginning verbal communication across three 10-minute video probes (each with a different child with ASD). Generally speaking, within the Level III Program:

- (1) **TO REGISTER:** Participants complete and submit (via mail or email) the Level III Registration form and pay the Level III \$500.00 USD fee by sending a check to the address provided on the Registration Form or online with a debit card, credit card, or PayPal account.
- (2) Training materials are sent to the participant through mail (standard UPS shipping). Training materials include research articles and access to an online video training module.
- (3) Participants work through the training materials independently at their own pace, then video tape themselves (in three 10-minute video probes) implementing the PRT procedures highlighted in the training with three different children with ASD at varying levels of communication development. Specifically, using the PRT motivational procedures to teach beginning verbal communication (e.g., first words and/or multiple word utterances).
- (4) Participants submit the three 10-minute video probes through mail, and our team will assess the clips for fidelity of PRT implementation.
- (5) The participant then receives a Score and Feedback Report corresponding to the three submitted video probes.
- (6) If fidelity of implementation *is not* achieved on the three 10-minute video probes, the participant has an opportunity to apply the feedback and collect and submit additional video probes to be assessed for fidelity of PRT implementation.

Once the participant meets fidelity of implementation with three different children with ASD at varying skill levels (across three 10-minute video probes), he or she is certified in Pivotal Response Treatment at Level III, will receive a formal certificate of completion, and is eligible to enroll in the Level IV PRT Training and Certification Program: Advanced Implementer of PRT Procedures.

Registration Instructions:

To **register** for the Level III PRT Training and Certification Program:

(A) Complete and submit the Registration Form: The Registration Form is available at <http://www.koegelautism.com/NEW--Certification.html>. Click on the link for “Certification Registration Form” to download the form. Complete the Registration Form and submit through email to kristin@koegelautism.com or through mail to the address provided on the form, also included below.

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(B) Payment: The fee for the Level III PRT Training and Certification Program is \$500.00 USD. This fee includes the materials outlined above, fidelity assessment and written feedback on up to six 10-minute

video probes, and fidelity assessment only (no written feedback) on an additional three 10-minute video probes, as well as a formal certificate of completion.

- Please note: If fidelity of implementation is not met on three 10-minute video probes (across three different children) after three sets of three video probes (fidelity assessment and written feedback on up to six video probes and fidelity assessment only on an additional three video probes), participants must pay an additional fee for further scoring and feedback.

The \$500.00 payment can be made *online* with a credit card or PayPal account or by sending a *check* through mail.

To make a secure payment online, please visit our website at the following link:

<http://www.koegelautism.com/Store.html>

In the online store, scroll down to the bottom of the first page, click to the next page, then scroll down until you find the option that reads "PRT Certification Level III: For US Residents Only." Click on the "Add to Cart" button below the program title and description, and a window in the upper right hand corner should pop up indicating that you have successfully added the program to your cart. Then, click the "Checkout" button in that same pop-up window in the upper right corner. This will bring you to the PayPal page, where you can pay through a debit or credit card, or with a PayPal account.

Alternatively, participants can send a check for \$500.00 made out to *Koegel Autism Consultants: PRT Certification* to the address below, along with your completed registration form or copy of your registration form (if submitted through email).

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*Please note: International participants pay an additional \$75.00 fee to cover the increased shipping costs, bringing the total cost of the program to \$575.00. International residents please select "PRT Certification Level III: International Residents Only (outside the US)" if paying online.

Once we receive the completed registration form and payment, you will receive an email confirming registration for the Level II PRT Training and Certification Program, and your Level III Program materials will be sent out through UPS to the participant address provided the submitted Registration Form.

The Training Module:

Once the participant receives the Level III package, he or she will work through the included materials independently at his or her own pace.

Fidelity Probe: After reviewing the training materials, participants **videotape** themselves **implementing the PRT motivational procedures for teaching beginning verbal communication** (first words and multiple word utterances) outlined in the training manuals and video training module.

- With **3 different children** with ASD.
 - At least one child with ASD should have more severe language impairment and fewer verbal communication skills (e.g., working primarily on one word requests in response to verbal model prompts and potentially some spontaneous communication antecedents such as open-ended questions and/or time delays).
 - At least one child with ASD should have less severe language impairment and more verbal communication skills (e.g., working on multiple word combinations, such as 2-word combinations or longer phrased speech) and on increasing spontaneous and initiated use of language).
- In **three 10-minute video probes**.
 - One 10-minute video probe for each child with ASD.
 - Note: each probe must be a *consecutive* 10 minutes.

- ***Across 3 different activities.***
 - A different activity for each child/10-minute video probe.
- For example:
 - Video probe #1 (Child #1, 10-minutes, activity #1)
 - Video probe #2 (Child #2, 10-minutes, activity #2)
 - Video probe #2 (Child #3, 10-minutes, activity #3)
- The total combined time of the three video probes should be 30 minutes.
 - One 10-minute video probe for each of the three children with ASD.
 - The 30 minutes need not be consecutive. Only each 10-minute video probe must be consecutive.
 - It is *not* necessary to engage in the same activity for the entire 10-minute probe. It is just necessary to see PRT implemented across at least three different activities across the three children/video probes.

More detailed instructions related to the collection and submission of video probes will be provided on the Level III package instructions.

Participants then mail the video probes in to be assessed for fidelity of implementation

Once the three video probes are received, fidelity of implementation will be assessed. Within 2-4 weeks, you will receive a Score and Feedback Report, outlining your fidelity assessment scores and providing you with written feedback on your implementation of PRT procedures for teaching verbal communication across each child/video probe.

If fidelity *is* achieved on all three 10-minute video probes (across the three children with ASD), the participant is certified at Level III. If the participant does *not* meet fidelity of implementation on one or more of the video probes, he or she will receive the Score and Feedback Report, and will have an opportunity to implement feedback and collect and submit additional video probes demonstrating acquisition of PRT intervention skills.

Please feel free to contact the PRT Certification Project Coordinator, Kristin Wheatley, M.A., at kristin@koegelautism.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 III remote certification training.