

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

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

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

Objective: The objective of the Level IV: Socialization program is to introduce participants to the PRT procedures for facilitating social interactions between children with ASD and their typically developing siblings and peers. This program aims to establish participant ability to implement the PRT procedures for **social facilitation** while using the foundational PRT motivational components. Specifically, participants must demonstrate their ability to organize and implement *cooperative arrangements* and to facilitate social interactions by prompting *nonverbal and verbal social initiating and responding*.

Certification at Level IV: Socialization is achieved through facilitating social interactions in the context of cooperative arrangements with three different children with ASD, while meeting criteria for fidelity of PRT implementation.

Summary of Process: Generally speaking, within the Level IV: Initiations Program:

- (1) TO REGISTER: Participants complete and submit (via mail or email) the Level IV Registration Form and pay the Level IV: Initiations \$600.00 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) Participants collect and submit a 15-minute baseline video probe of themselves using the PRT procedures to facilitate social interactions between a child with ASD and his or her typically developing sibling(s) and/or peer(s)
- (3) Training materials are sent to the participant through mail (standard UPS shipping). Training materials include *Improving Socialization in Children with Autism: A Training Manual*, research articles, and access to an online video training module.
- (4) 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. Specifically, using the PRT procedures to facilitate social interactions between children with ASD and their typically developing sibling(s) and/or peer(s)
- (5) Participants submit the three 10-minute video probes through mail, and our team assesses for fidelity of PRT implementation.
- (6) The participant then receives a Score and Feedback Report corresponding to the three submitted video probes.
- (7) 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 for social facilitation (specifically, cooperative arrangements) with three different children with ASD (across three 10-minute video probes), he or she is certified in Pivotal Response Treatment at Level IV: Socialization, and will receive a formal certificate of completion.

Registration Instructions:

To **register** for the Level IV: Socialization 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 below.

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(B) Payment: The fee for the Level IV: Socialization PRT Training and Certification Program is \$600.00 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 \$600.00 payment can be made *online* with a debit card, 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 IV: For US Residents Only." Using the drop down menu, select "Socialization." 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 \$600.00 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 \$675.00. International residents please select "PRT Certification Level IV: International Residents Only (outside the US)" if paying online.

(C) Baseline Video Probe: The next step is to collect and submit a Level IV: Socialization baseline video probe:

Specifically, videotape yourself working with one child with ASD and his/her typically developing sibling(s) and or peer(s). The participant should attempt increase social interactions for the child with ASD. Specifically, the baseline probe should:

- Be 15 *consecutive* minutes of the participant attempting to facilitate social interactions and verbal social exchanges between a child with ASD and his/her sibling(s) and peer(s) using PRT socialization strategies.
- Demonstrate the participant's ability to:
 - (1) Organize and implement cooperative arrangements.
 - (2) Prompt social initiating and responding.
 - (3) Employ PRT socialization strategies as necessary to increase social engagement, participation in social activities, and promote social interactions with sibling(s) and/or peer(s).
- The video should not be paused but run continuously.
- In the baseline videotape, participants can feel free to do a variety of activities.

Participants should save the video probe to a CD/DVD or to a USB storage device (e.g., flash drive) and mail to the address below, along with the original registration form or a copy of the registration form (if submitted via email).

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Once we receive (A) your completed Registration Form (B) the \$600 Level IV: Socialization payment, and (C) your baseline video probe, you will receive an email confirming registration for the Level IV: Socialization PRT Training and Certification Program, and your Level IV: Socialization Program materials will be sent out through UPS to the participant address provided on the submitted Registration Form.

The Training Module:

Once the participant receives the Level IV: Socialization 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 PRT procedures for facilitating social interactions a child with ASD and their typically developing sibling(s) or peer(s). Specifically, implementing cooperative arrangements and prompting nonverbal and verbal social initiating and responding.***

- Note: Although this Level IV: Socialization Program highlights a variety of different socialization strategies, the primary social facilitation strategy in your video probes should be implementation of *cooperative arrangements*. For the purposes of this assessment, participants must collect video of themselves facilitating social interactions within a cooperative arrangement.
- With ***3 different children*** with ASD.
- 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 + sibling/peer, 10-minutes, activity #1)
 - Video probe #2 (Child #2 + sibling/peer, 10-minutes, activity #2)
 - Video probe #3 (Child #3 + sibling/peer, 10-minutes, activity #3)
- The total combined time of the three video probes should be 30 minutes.
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 - 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 IV: Socialization 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, participants will receive a Score and Feedback Report, outlining fidelity assessment scores and providing written feedback on implementation of PRT procedures for facilitating social interactions across each child/video probe.

If fidelity *is* achieved on all three 10-minute video probes (across the three children with ASD for facilitating social interactions), the participant is certified at Level IV: Socialization. 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 your acquisition of PRT social facilitation intervention skills.

Please feel free to contact the PRT Certification Project Coordinator, Kristin Wheatley, M.A., at kristin@koegelutism.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.