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Spalding, Upson  
School Systems



# Functional Communication Training for Students with Autism

This training provides participants with the techniques and strategies necessary to teach communication skills to students with autism. The training begins with an overview of FCT, which focuses on identifying the specific communication needs and deficits of students with autism. During the training communication is conceptualized as behavior that also serves a function for students. As such, FCT becomes essentially an exercise whereby teachers use a variety of alternative communicative responses which serve the same function as the students' problem behaviors as a means of replacing their problem behaviors with alternative and more appropriate communicative responses. Participants will learn how to use FCT as a treatment approach for problem behavior exhibited by students with autism.

**This professional development opportunity is provided by a grant for our regional school systems. Therefore, it is open only to educators in the Griffin RESA region: (Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Newton, Griffin-Spalding, and Thomaston-Upson School Systems)**

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| <b>Date:</b>            | October 17, 2023                |
| <b>Time:</b>            | 8:30am-3:30pm                   |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Griffin RESA                    |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$0 (Registration is required)  |
| <b>Target Audience:</b> | K-12 Special Education Teachers |

**Register online at [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)**  
**Registration Deadline: October 10, 2023**