

## **Professional Development** Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

FAU Center for Autism and **Related Disabilities** 

# **Promoting Reading Comprehension Proficiency During the Formative Preschool-Elementary School Years**

### **Presented by: Dr. Noelle Balsamo Hosted by: FAU CARD**

#### About the Presenter

Dr. Noelle Balsamo is an Assistant Professor of Special Education at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) and a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst at the doctoral level (BCBA-D). Prior to joining FGCU, Noelle served in the role of Clinical Support Specialist and Assistant Director at FAU CARD from 2013-2019. Additionally, Noelle has over 15 years of experience supporting preschool elementary aged students with ASD in a variety of educational roles and settings. She specializes in the areas of inclusive education, special education, autism spectrum disorder, behavior analysis and parent education.

#### **Training Description**

This training will describe the uneven reading development profile of children with ASD and provide educators strategies for targeting specific emergent-conventional literacy skills that promote reading comprehension proficiency during the formative preschool-elementary school years. Recommendations for partnering with interdisciplinary team members and parents to enhance instruction across settings will also be provided.

#### **Training Objectives**

Participants will be able to describe:

- Understand the unique cognitive factors that contribute to reading comprehension challenges for students with ASD.
- Identify evidence-based interventions for supporting listening/reading • comprehension for children with ASD in early childhood through the primary school years.
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#### When:

December 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

Where: Online

**Duration:** 1-hour pre-recorded webinar

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