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Autism Spectrum Disorder
in the Home and Community**

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An increasing number of individuals affected with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are being served by in their home by both families and residential providers in the Puget Sound area and across the state of Washington. Individuals with ASD have a unique set of strengths and challenges where traditional teaching strategies may not be as effective.

This manual was created to build the capacity of those serving individuals with ASD. In the manual, you will find seven training modules. These modules have been chosen based on feedback received from residential providers across the state, as well as DDA Administrators, Roads to Community Living program managers, and the module/training developers.

Module 1: Characteristics of Individuals with ASD
Module 2: Positive Behavior Support Planning
Module 3: Teaching Functional Communication Strategies
Module 4: Structuring the Environment
Module 5: Teaching and Maintaining Meaningful Outcomes
Module 6: Data Collection & Goal Tracking
Module 7: Supporting Staff & Implementation

It is intended that these modules contain information that is broadly applicable, yet allows for individualization to the person being supported. We have chosen to include practical tips and strategies, participant activities and templates for creating supports. In addition, please see the reference section for other helpful links and resources.