

Now Available: Updated SPeCTRUM Training ODP Announcement 26-040

AUDIENCE:

Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) providers and Supports Coordination Organizations as well as the Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) managed care entity.

PURPOSE:

To announce the updated SPeCTRUM training is now available on MyODP, outline completion requirements, and provide guidance regarding documentation, transition timelines, and prior version applicability. This announcement obsoletes ODPANN 19-072 and 19-121 and 20-032.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), Bureau of Supports for Autism and Special Populations (BSASP), is pleased to announce the release of a new version of SPeCTRUM training available through MyODP effective April 6, 2026.

The updated SPeCTRUM training has enhanced webinar capabilities, updated content, and has been streamlined while continuing to provide foundational information necessary to support adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The updated training consists of multiple self-paced modules. Users must complete all the modules for the training to be considered complete. For AAW, completion of SPeCTRUM training is required prior to a staff person's first billable service provision . For ACAP, the completion of SPeCTRUM is required prior to a staff person working alone

with participants. During Initial AAW Provider Qualification, qualifying staff are required to have all SPeCTRUM modules completed.

TRAINING COMPLETION AND DOCUMENTATION:

Training completion will be verified through the user's MyTranscript report found on MyODP. The MyTranscript report serves as official documentation of course completion. Users will no longer receive a certificate of completion after each module or upon completion of the full training (all modules).

Providers are responsible for ensuring that staff training is appropriately documented within agency training records in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, including 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100.

PRIOR VERSIONS OF SPeCTRUM:

Individuals who have completed an earlier version of SPeCTRUM are not required to complete the new version. However, ODP strongly recommends taking the updated training. AAW providers, who elect to have staff complete the updated version, may count the training hours toward the staff's annual training hour requirements under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100.

SPeCTRUM training follows the staff person. If a staff person leaves one provider and begins employment with another, they are not required by ODP to retake the training if documentation of completion exists, regardless of which version was completed.

ACCESSING THE TRAINING:

SPeCTRUM training is available on MyODP at
<https://www.myodp.org/course/view.php?id=2398>.

Users must have an active MyODP account to access required modules and complete the training under their personal profile. If an account has not been created, users may register for a free account at [MyODP](#).

QUESTIONS:

Questions regarding SPeCTRUM training requirements may be directed to the BSASP Training mailbox at ra-bastrainings@pa.gov.

Technical questions related to MyODP access should be directed to the MyODP Help Desk at support@myodp.org.