



Arizona Autism United

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Professional Development Opportunities

Habilitation Therapists are eligible for a habilitation pay raise after every 250 hours of service, up to the maximum wage. To qualify, you must complete 4 hours of professional development since the previous raise. Please contact Lindsay Davis, Program Administrator, to submit certificates or other documentation at Lindsay@azaunited.org. You must also get approval before attending an event with another organization for PD credit. Choose from any of the options listed below:

- 1. Attend a community training, seminar or conference**
 - a. See our most recent newsletter or contact AZA United for upcoming events!
 - b. For classes hosted by other organizations, contact AZA United for PD approval before registering (maximum of 4 credit hours per day). Submit your certificate and receipt when finished for 50% reimbursement for registration fees, up to \$75.
- 2. Complete a video training series**
 - a. 2 hour DVD packages are available to borrow and watch at your convenience. Contact AZA United to have a free DVD loan package mailed to you.
- 3. Complete an online training course**
 - a. 6 hour classes are available for free at <http://www.txautism.net/training.html>. Submit a copy of your certificate when finished for PD credit.
- 4. Participate in a Habilitation Team Meeting and submit notes signed by parent**
 - a. Contact AZA United in advance for required forms.
- 5. Volunteer for AZA United**
 - a. Help us organize or run an AZA Family Event in the community
 - b. Participate in a fundraising event or at a conference exhibit booth
 - c. Contact us for other ideas or volunteer opportunities
- 6. Complete a college course on a related topic**
 - a. Contact us for prior approval on a course topic. Once approved, submit a transcript for documentation (grade must be at least a "B") with a one or two page summary of what you learned in the course and how you can use the knowledge to improve your habilitation skills. Courses must have been completed after your previous habilitation raise (4 PD credit hours per course).
- 7. Submit a story from your work in the field**
 - a. Write a story about your experiences of working with children with autism. You can describe one specific story about a child you've worked with, such as accomplishing a milestone, or just about your passion for this work in general. If writing is not your strength, you can also record yourself telling a story with audio or video, or make an appointment with us to participate in a video interview! Written or recorded stories are worth 2 hours of PD credit each, and participating in a video interview is worth 4 hours of PD credit.
- 8. Other opportunities**
 - a. Contact AZA United if you have an idea for another way to earn professional development credit – anything that helps our cause and increases your skills and knowledge!

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