

# Quality Employment Supports for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders - A Two-Day Workshop

**Description:** This is a 2-day advanced training based on the curriculum, Quality Employment Practices for Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), developed by Alan Kurtz and Janine Collins at the University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies. The training combines information from a wide variety of sources about best practices in customized employment supports with up-to-date knowledge about the diverse support needs of individuals across the autism spectrum. Participants in these highly interactive workshops will have frequent opportunities to discuss issues they may face. The curriculum contains many real-life examples. Throughout the workshops, the voices and perspectives of individuals with ASD are emphasized.

The training is divided into seven units:

1. Introduction to Quality Employment Practices for Individuals with ASD
2. Sensory Processing Differences
3. Structure, Routine, and Predictability
4. Movement Differences and Motor Planning
5. Communication and ASD in the Workplace
6. Social Interaction and ASD in the Workplace
7. Assessment and Job Development

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>
<b>Saco, Maine:</b> Holiday Inn Express Thurs-Fri, October 29-30, 2009	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Orono, Maine:</b> Wells Conference Center Thurs-Fri, December 3-4, 2009	

To request registration materials for either of these training dates, please complete the **Request for Information** form at the following web address:

[http://www.ccids.umaine.edu/qes/qes\\_information\\_request.htm](http://www.ccids.umaine.edu/qes/qes_information_request.htm)

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*Please forward this to any others you feel might be interested in this opportunity.*