

IBCCES Awards STAR Autism Support with the Blue Ribbon Award.

December __, 2014, International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), announces that **STAR Autism Support** program meets approval standards of IBCCES. The Oregon-based STAR Autism Support, was developed by Dr. Joel Arick. Joel Arick, Ph.D. developed the **STAR Autism Support** program is used by school districts and is based on over 30 years experience using research-based methods of discrete trial training, pivotal response training and teaching functional routines. Applied Behavior Analysis forms the program's theoretical base of this comprehensive program. "Educators, paraprofessionals, SLP's, and parents will find the STAR Program easy to implement, states Program Director, Sheila Magee."

The STAR Autism Support Program is a comprehensive behavioral program for children with autism. The Student Learning Profiles enable educators to plan lessons for each student and document progress for IFSPs and IEPs. The program enable educators to use their time teaching rather than gathering materials. Teachers will learn how to implement the research-based teaching techniques of Discrete Trial Training, Pivotal Response Training, and strategies for teaching functional routines. The program meets the needs of students at various developmental levels with the three levels of the STAR Program.

Autism Specialist, from Indiana writes the following kind words, "I wanted to tell you that we have made so much progress with our student. She is sitting at the lunch table, asking for "more grapes please," then waiting while we look for some. Then actually saying "more apples?" when we tell her the grapes are gone! She is playing side by side with others and said, "bye Mom" when her mom dropped her off last Thursday morning. Lots of tears on that one."

"STAR Autism Support is a top notch company that is dedicated to helping others successfully implement applied behavior analysis (ABA) techniques and we are excited to have a blue ribbon program that **provides this level of curriculum material, workshops and training,**" Lyndsey Herrman, CEO of IBCCES.

The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) blue ribbon recognizes programs and products designed for professionals working in special education. Our special education professional network turns to IBCCES for recommended products and programs and it is important that we only recommend the best.

Blue Ribbon Program and Product is subject to an extensive 30 day board review and evaluation process.

1. Programs and products must address one of the nine areas of autism competency to qualify.

2. Requires recommendation from an IBCCES board member and pass the board review process.