

**AAIDD 2008 East Coast
Supports Intensity Scale Training Orientation**
Frequently Asked Questions

Registration deadline: October 27, 2008

1. Where and when is this event being held?

The AAIDD 2008 East Coast Supports Intensity Scale Training Orientation is being held from November 5-7, 2008 at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies in Linthicum, MD. For more information, go to <http://www.siswebsite.org/cs/2008EastcoastSISorientation>.

2. Will I be a SIS Interviewer at the completion of this training?

This training is an essential step to becoming an effective SIS interviewer. The training will provide guidance, mentoring, and coaching to aid participants in practicing effective SIS interviews. For professionals conducting SIS assessments for resource allocation purposes or for other such large scale/system-wide endeavors, this workshop is an essential first step before going through an Interviewer Reliability Review with AAIDD Senior Trainers. AAIDD recognizes a SIS Interviewer once he/she has passed an Interviewer Reliability Review with an AAIDD-recognized Trainer. Future opportunities to complete Interviewer Reliability Reviews (IRR) include at a regional training in your area, individual meeting, or another scheduled event. AAIDD will work with interviewers interested in completing IRR on an individual basis.

3. Would the training be relevant to me as a manager, even if I don't intend to be the person doing the SIS interviews?

Yes. The first day of the 2008 East Coast SIS workshop is geared to providing an in-depth orientation to the Supports Intensity Scale. AAIDD encourages attendees to participate in the entire event, including guided practices, to gain hands-on exposure to the administration of the Scale to better understand its working and usefulness to the organization.

4. What is the cost of registration for this event?

The registration cost is \$498.00 per person for the 3-day training event. Advance payment is required for registration. Registration deadline is October 27, 2008. Class size is limited so early registration is encouraged. For hotel costs, please see below.

5. How can I register for the 2008 East Coast SIS Orientation?

You can register via phone at 301-604-1340 or fax in a registration form to 301-206-9789. To download a registration form, go to <http://www.siswebsite.org/cs/2008EastcoastSISorientation>.

6. What is the cancellation policy for the training registration?

All cancellations must be sent in, in writing via fax to 301-206-9789 or emailed to books@aaidd.org. Cancellation of registrants received before October 31, 2008, will be charged a fee of \$75.00 per attendee. Cancellations received after October 31, 2008, will forfeit the entire registration fee. You may send a substitute in your place without a penalty. No refunds will be made for no-shows.

Please note that this cancellation policy is for the training registration only. For the cancellation policy for your hotel registration, please contact your hotel directly.

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7. Do event registration costs include meals and lodging?

The registration fee of \$498.00 is for the training event only, which includes the training fees, use of the conference room facility, lunch buffet offered at the Conference Center at Maritime Institute (CCMIT), as well as two coffee breaks with light fare served during the day.

You need to make your own reservations for your hotel guest room. For the convenience of training, we suggest that you stay at the Maritime Institute hotel facility (<http://www.mitags.org>). The cost of a single occupancy is \$139.00 per night, or \$175 per night for double occupancy. This also includes breakfast and dinner at the hotel facility.

8. Should hotel reservations be made by me or does AAIDD do this?

AAIDD is not responsible for making reservations for you. You can contact the Maritime Institute at 1866-629-3196, or make your reservation online at http://www.ccmmit.org/ccmit_hotel_reg.aspx.

9. What is the closest airport to the Maritime Institute and is there any transportation available from the airport to Maritime?

The closest airport to the Maritime Institute is the Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport. CCMIT offers a free shuttle service to/from the Baltimore - Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport, the BWI Amtrak Station, and the BWI Light Rail Station. Upon arrival at these locations, please contact CCMIT's front desk staff members at (410) 859-5700, extension "0," to make transportation arrangements.

For those who prefer to use a taxi service, CCMIT's campus is less than five miles from the Baltimore - Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport, the BWI Amtrak Station, and the BWI Light Rail Station. Please note that CCMIT's Hammonds Ferry Road entrance is typically closed from 1:00 AM to 5:00 AM. For safety reasons, this entrance is also closed during inclement weather conditions. During these times, please advise the taxi driver to use the alternate entrance, which can be accessed off of West Nursery Road.

10. Is there a cost for materials for the training? Does AAIDD have a special discount on materials for the training?

You will need to have a *SIS Users' Manual* for the training. As event registrants, you are eligible to receive a discount of 40% on the Manual, which is regularly priced at \$95.00 per copy. You will need to pay \$57.00 plus shipping for the copy. See shipping costs at the back of the event registration form. You can place the order for the *SIS Users' Manual* by calling 301-604-1340 or faxing your order in with the registration form at 301-206-9789. To download a fax order form go to <http://www.siswebsite.org/cs/2008EastcoastSISorientation>. This purchase can be made-by fax or phone-in combination with your training registration. Please note that an additional discount of 15% for AAIDD members will not be awarded for this purchase.

11. Are there certificates to be given at the training?

Yes. A Certificate of Completion for the SIS 2008 East Coast Training Orientation will be awarded to you upon completion of the 3-day workshop.

12. Can I see a training agenda?

Please go to <http://www.siswebsite.org/cs/2008EastcoastSISorientation> to see an agenda for this workshop.

13. Is there a group discount if more than one person registers from my company?

Sorry, we do not offer group discount for this training event.

14. When is the next AAIDD national SIS Orientation going to be held?

There are no immediate plans for a national SIS Orientation of this kind in the near future.

Questions? Email books@aidd.org