

AAIDD 2008 East Coast Supports Intensity Scale Training Orientation Agenda

Goal: To provide an in-depth orientation to the Supports Intensity Scale assessment and build essential interviewing skills to conduct a SIS assessment. 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.

Training time: 8:30 am – 4 pm EST daily

November 5: Orientation Workshop

- AAIDD Supports Intensity Scale Orientation/Overview
- Historical and philosophical framework of SIS
- Instrument design, including item selection, validity, and reliability
- Item analysis
- Scoring process
- Interview strategies
- Data use and management

November 6: Guided Practice

- AAIDD Supports Intensity Scale Orientation/Overview
- Practice interview by AAIDD Trainer: one individual and at least two respondents to be interviewed
- Group discussion
- Practice interview by trainees in pairs
- Group discussion, conclusions, and summary

November 7: Debriefing

AM: Debriefing

- Discussion on difficult and confusing items
- Lessons learned from the field
- Q & A: opportunities to learn from peers' experience

PM: Simultaneous Breakout Sessions

- Program and person-centered planning for provider agencies
- Confusing items and next steps for individual SIS interviewers
- System and/or state wide SIS implementation – SIS system rollout and resource allocation

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