

Supports Intensity Scale In-Depth Training

AAMR offers customized in-depth training workshops on the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) to increase the effectiveness of how the Scale is administered. This document provides an informal overview of what to expect in an in-depth SIS in-training workshop.

- **Components of SIS Training**

- A. Competence**

1. Understand the *intent* of the instrument
 - a. Overall – SIS measures support needs not skills
 - b. Line-item (i.e. where to score transportation needs, rate based on the verb of the question, complete all subscales)

- B. Mechanics/Style**

1. Communicate the *intent* effectively
 - a. Use of respectful language and examples the individual being interviewed understands with which he/she can easily relate.
 - b. Demonstrate flexibility (use a conversational style to complete SIS subscales, not necessarily go in order of the SIS).
2. Suitable interviewing techniques
 - a. Utilize verbal and non-verbal ques
 - b. Set a scene for each subscale
 - c. Tackle sensitive issues (use People First language, deal with difficult topics)
 - d. Keep interview on track

- B. Scoring and Interpreting Data**

1. Rationale for scores chosen
2. Ability to properly calculate scores
3. Consistent results

- **Training Evaluations**

Participants receive a snapshot of abilities in an evaluation form completed by trainers. Participants will also get a chance to evaluate the training and comment on areas requiring improvement in training structure.