

FOSTERING SUCCESS: UNDERSTANDING AUTISM IN CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

A virtual training for foster, adopt,
and kinship caregivers

Date: April 21, 2026

Time: 7:00pm CT

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Training Themes

#1

Foundations: Understanding the symptoms of ASD, making sense of the "why" behind what you see

Collaborations: Understanding the roles of multi-disciplinary team members and other resources

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Tips and Techniques: Evidenced-based practices in action

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Meet our presenter...

Dr. Shannon Graves is a Clinical Associate Professor of Special Education at the University of North Dakota, where she brings nearly 30 years of experience supporting individuals with autism and their families across home, school, community, and clinical settings. Her work spans the lifespan - from early childhood through adulthood - and centers on promoting meaningful inclusion, effective instruction, and family-centered support. In addition to her professional expertise, Dr. Grave is a parent of two adults with autism, a perspective that deeply informs her approach to training, advocacy, and educational practice. She is committed to providing practical, compassionate guidance that empowers caregivers, educators, and service providers to support autistic youth in ways that honor their strengths, needs, and lived experiences.

This FREE virtual training opportunity is for foster care providers, kinship caregivers, adoptive parents, & child welfare professionals. Continuing education credits are available for ND foster care providers and social workers.

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