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Teaching Children With Autism to be Focus of Feb. 25 Workshop at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's College of Education, in collaboration with UC Santa Barbara's Koegel Autism Center, will host “Pivotal Response Treatment and Procedures for Including Children with Autism” from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Community members are invited to this free workshop, to take place in Phillips Hall (Room 124), in the Performing Arts Center.

Daniel Openden, head of the Community Training-Autism Research and Training Center at UCSB, will explain the “pivotal response treatment,” a proven model for teaching children with autism. Discussion will include procedures for improving motivation to gain results in language and social skills and reducing disruptive behaviors.

Video examples will be used to illustrate how parents and professionals can implement the procedures. After the workshop, six graduate students in the College of Education's master's and credential program in special education will team up with children with autism as a lesson in implementing social skills’ coaching in after-school settings.

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