TRIAD TEACHER TRAINING (3-day)  
2010-2011

During the 2010-2011 school year, the TN DOE will again collaborate with TRIAD of Vanderbilt to provide **hands-on teacher training** to those staff who work with children with autism. The training consists of three days of lecture and experience with children who have autism, plus the opportunity to receive a site visit in the trainee’s setting within two months of their training. Training topics include characteristics, assessment, methodologies, communication, and behavior. Applicants can include general and special education teachers, speech-language therapists, related service personnel, behavior consultants, or other school personnel involved in educating students with autism. (Paraprofessionals who work with a student with autism will also have a separate two-day training in the fall of 2010. Please check the DOE website for details.)

Trainings take place in middle Tennessee at a public school. Participants must attend all three days to be eligible for the site visit and certificate. During 2010-2011, trainings offered will include Basic K-6, Basic Middle/High School, and Advanced K-12. **Please do not assume you will attend simply because you return the form.** You will be notified four weeks in advance if you are accepted. **Applicants must currently be serving a student(s) with autism and work in a public school**

There is **no cost** for the training or materials. The only cost to participants is transportation, food, and lodging, (if needed). Participants must fill out an application and be accepted. **A maximum of two people from the same system can be accepted for the same training. Special education directors who have interested staff may contact Linda Copas in the Division of Special Education at (615)-741-7790 for an application, or e-mail her at Linda.Copas@tn.gov**

There are also several other options for training other than the three-day hands-on sessions. These include the Paraeducator workshop (2 day session), full-day workshops (spring), focused workshops (one or two-day session), Parent workshop (half-day), General Education workshop (two days) and Administrator Academy (two days). Please check the TN DOE website for more details on these offerings.