

# **Project EXCEED: EXcellence in Collaborative Education & Early Development (EXCEED): An Autism Spectrum Disorders Research and Training Project**

## **Description**

A small group of children with autism will be included in the half-day early childhood program at the Ruth Staples Child Development Lab. In addition to the innovative and inclusive educational approaches utilized in the Ruth Staples program, children participating in Project EXCEED will receive specialized intervention. Project EXCEED will provide services to enhance the development of critical learning skills based on the individual needs of participating children with autism.

## **Our Staff**

In addition to the Ruth Staples personnel, Project EXCEED staff will include:

A Special Education Master Teacher with a minimum of a masters degree and extensive experience working with young children with ASDs will provide individualized and inclusive programming for children participating in Project EXCEED.

A Speech-language pathologist with a masters degree, speech-language certification and extensive experience working with young children with ASDs will provide communication and AAC intervention for children participating in Project EXCEED.

A Board Certified Behavior Analyst will supervise behavioral programming to ensure quality and fidelity of implementation.

A Family Liaison will provide support, resources and a link for families to educational opportunities and related services in their communities.

Graduate students in Special Education and Communication Disorders will work closely with your child, receiving ongoing feedback and guidance from Project EXCEED and Ruth Staples staff.

### **Early Intervention program**

While participating in the early development program at Ruth Staples, children participating in Project EXCEED will receive additional individualized programming and small group instruction.

*For more information and an application for Project EXCEED, please email [autismproject@unl.edu](mailto:autismproject@unl.edu) or call (402) 472-4194.*

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