

BACKGROUND

The UAB Regional Autism Network (RAN) provides free, monthly Community Education Workshops (CEWs) to educate *families* and *providers* on specific issues related to caring for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

These workshops seek to connect underserved populations experiencing socioeconomic and psychosocial barriers to care. The workshops present evidence-based intervention strategies to caregivers and providers across the state of Alabama in an effort to increase knowledge and provide translatable skills.

OBJECTIVES

Increase knowledge of evidence-based strategies specific to ASD population

Increase confidence and competence in utilizing strategies in home, classroom, or community

Facilitate connections between caregivers and service providers

Bridge gaps and increase connection to the system of care

Community Education Workshops Aimed at Reducing Health Disparities for the Autism Spectrum Disorder Population in Alabama

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MODEL

While the UAB RAN organizes the CEWs, the workshops are facilitated by community-based providers that may not otherwise be accessible to families due to socioeconomic and psychosocial barriers. The workshops consist of three key components:

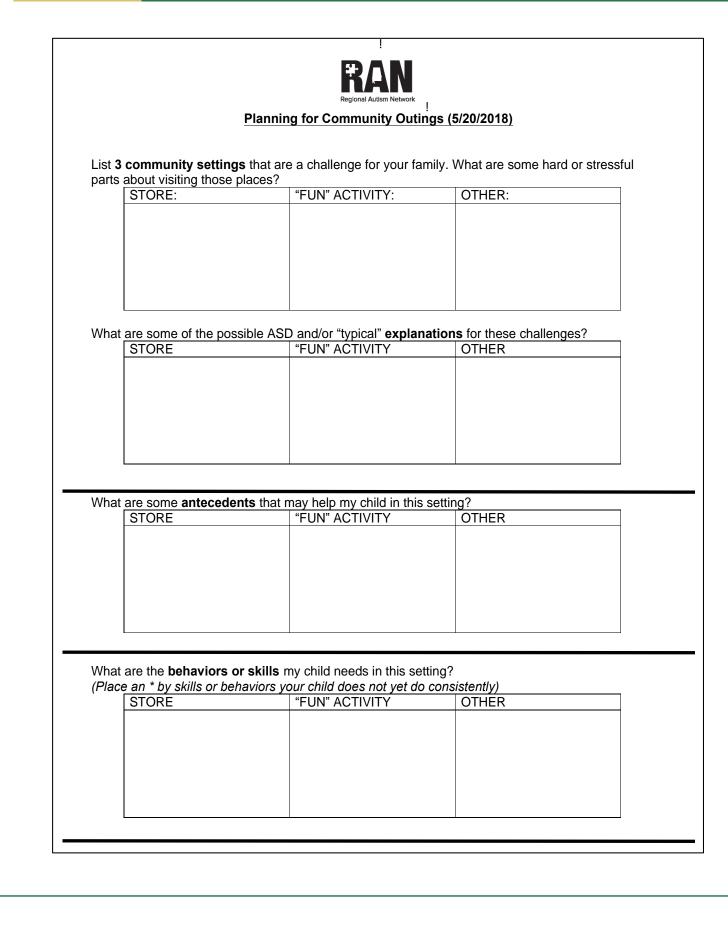


WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Challenging Behaviors
- Breaking Down Transition to Adulthood
- Communication
- ➤ Education and the IEP Process
- ➤ Into the Community
- Seeking Services to Support

- > Transition Age Youth
- Feeding
- > Sleep
- Special Needs Planning: Navigating Systems and Long-Term Support
- Toileting Training

EXAMPLE MATERIALS



	Sample Behavior Intervention Plan
Name:	Date:
Challengin 1.) 2.) 3.)	g behaviors to target (Select up to 3.):
Definitions 1.)	of challenging behaviors:
2.)	
3.)	
What made 1.) 2.) 3.)	ethod will you use for data collection each behavior?
What is 4.) 5.) 6.)	the function of each behavior? (Think SEAT.).