COMMUNITY-BASED INSTRUCTION

The CBI Project is committed to building capacity in school organizations across New Jersey through training, technical assistance, research, and information dissemination about CBI. It works with educators to improve post-school outcomes for students with disabilities using best practices that promote greater independence, interdependence, and quality of life in adulthood.

What is Community-Based Instruction?

CBI is an evidence-based instructional method for students of all ages. It consists of sustained and repeated instruction, conducted beyond the classroom, in authentic community settings. Additionally, CBI provides opportunities to teach students skills and activities aligned with the NJ Student Learning Standards and individualized goals.

Statewide Trainings and Professional Development Opportunities

CBI project staff offer a variety of statewide training opportunities throughout the year. There is no cost to attend these sessions and they are open to teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, related service providers and school job coaches. Additional professional development opportunities and/or support may also be available upon request. Scan the QR code below for a current list of offerings available or access the CBI Training opportunities page of The Boggs Center's website.

Technical Assistance

Onsite and virtual technical assistance is available from the CBI project team. This individualized consultation can consist of, but is not limited to, onsite observations of programs based on site specific objectives, feedback on CBI benchmarks of quality, help with program design or enhancement, and any of the topics covered in training.

Annual CBI Cohort

Each year in early spring, NJ school districts are invited to apply for cohort membership. Cohort schools receive intensive onsite training and multi-year support to implement Community-based Instruction. The invitation to apply for cohort membership is extended through a NJDOE broadcast email and its benefits/expectations are explained via webinar.

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