

# JASPER TRAINING



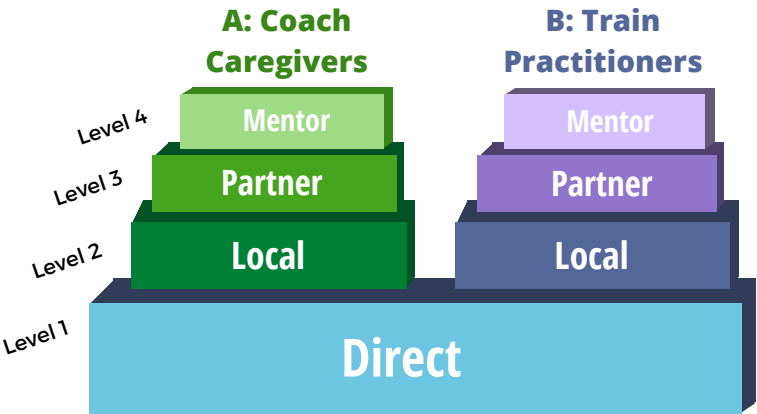
Thank you for your interest in learning the Joint Attention, Symbolic Play, Engagement, and Regulation (JASPER) intervention. JASPER is an evidence based social communication intervention which addresses the core challenges experienced by children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). To date, JASPER has been tested in 9 published randomized controlled trials (RCTs) involving over 700 children with ASD. Rooted in over 20 years of research, it has proven effective in improving children’s time jointly engaged in play activities with others (noticing both the partner and the shared activity), initiations of joint attention (e.g., Kasari et al., 2010; 2014), language (e.g., Chang et al, 2016; Kasari et al., 2008), play diversity (e.g., Kasari et al., 2010), and play level (e.g., Kasari et al., 2014).

Our training begins with a three-step course to learn to **directly implement** JASPER with children

Those who wish to continue advanced training may choose to pursue learning to **coach caregivers (course A)** or learning to **train other practitioners (course B)**

### Level 1: Introductory JASPER Training Course

- **Part A:** Overview of JASPER Seminar
- **Part B:** Introductory JASPER Workshop
- **Part C:** JASPER Fidelity Scoring
  - **Recommended Supervision:**  
12- Week Remote Support Package



**Direct:** Implement JASPER directly with clients  
**Local:** Coach others within your own agency  
**Partner:** Pair with UCLA to train others in your region  
**Mentor:** Train and supervise JASPER trainers

If you are interested in attending any of our JASPER training courses, please add your information to the [JASPER Training Sign-up List](#).

\*All policies and pricing as of April 2023. Subject to change.  
\*Organizations from World Bank defined low or middle income countries may apply for subsidized pricing.

# Jasper LEVEL 1 TRAINING

**Introductory JASPER Training/Certified JASPER Direct Service Clinician:** This three-part training is intended for those who would like to become JASPER clinicians working directly with clients.

**In order to be a certified JASPER clinician, trainees must accomplish the following:**

- Complete all required Level 1 courses (Part A-C)
- Reach fidelity
- Receive an official JASPER Certification signed and approved by JASPER Training Team at UCLA

**Once a Certified JASPER Direct Service clinician, individuals may apply to Level 2 JASPER Coach Training to learn to train other clinicians within their organization or to coach caregivers.**

## Part A

An introduction to the JASPER intervention. Participants will gain a working understanding of the history, purpose, and goals of the JASPER intervention as well as introduction to an assessment tool designed to identify targets for intervention.

- **Focus of Instruction:**
  - JASPER development and research history
  - Core skills and target outcomes
  - Summary of assessment of core skills and target setting
  - Overview of JASPER strategies
- **Training Structure:**
  - Available in live or online format
- **Cost:**
  - \$150 USD per person
  - Group rates available
- **Eligibility:**
  - Open to all
  - If training cannot be conducted in English, group leader must provide a professional interpreter

## Part B

An intensive workshop combining didactic content with live practice and individualized feedback to practice assessing children, setting targets, and implementing the core strategies of the JASPER intervention.

- **Focus of Instruction:**
  - Implement the SPACE assessment and accurately derive children's intervention targets from the assessment data
  - Learn to accurately & appropriately apply basic mechanics of JASPER in direct clinician-child service
  - Cover the following strategies: set up the environment, balance imitation and modeling to establish play routines, and balance language and play expansions as well as social communication programming to support the child's needs to jointly engage in play
- **Cost:**
  - For individual trainees, \$3000 USD per person
  - For local group trainings, \$10,000 USD for up to 12 trainees (additional travel costs apply)
- **Eligibility:**
  - Trainee must have at least a bachelor's degree in a related field (e.g. psychology, communicative disorders, ABA, etc.)
  - Trainee must have completed Training Level 1, Part A
- **In Person Training Structure:**
  - 4 day hands-on workshop
  - Trainees will gain practice in the delivery of assessment and the JASPER intervention with children of various developmental stages
  - Up to 10 different children participate over the course of the training
  - Ratio of trainer to trainee is a maximum of 1:6
  - Trainers may travel to the group requesting the training, additional costs apply
  - Two professional translators (who may not also be participants in the training) must be provided by the site when the training cannot be conducted in English
- **Remote Training Structure:**
  - 5 module workshop implemented through Zoom
    - 2x weekly meetings over 5 weeks
  - Trainees will be guided to deliver assessment and JASPER intervention with one child practice case
  - A small cohort of trainees are paired with two trainers for a mix of group lecture, live-coaching, and individual feedback
    - We require a minimum training team of two colleagues to support each other's learning
  - Trainee must be able to engage the child through in person direct service following guidelines and health protocols from their local government
  - Only available in English

**Participation in Parts A & B of training does not guarantee nor grant certification as a JASPER direct service provider. To reach certification, participants must achieve fidelity as noted in Part C.**

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## Part C

A remote scoring package for trainees to reach fidelity and earn JASPER certification. **To reach fidelity, trainees must score at least 90% total implementation fidelity in three (3) videos with children at varied developmental levels.** Fidelity ratings will cover both the presence of strategies as needed for the individual child as well as the quality of implementation.

- **Requirements:**
  - Videos must be completed without coaching or support
  - Videos must capture:
    - 20 consecutive, unedited minutes from the time the child enters room
    - Child's face, hands, and any actions on the objects (and ideally the clinician)
    - Clear audio from both the trainee and child
    - No other children/adults should be present
  - Videos should be conducted in the child's primary language and include subtitles or a transcript in English
  - Each of the three videos should be completed with a different child with ASD
    - Children's profiles of mastered and target skills must show a range of needs for play and social communication:
      - One child with simple or combination play targets
      - One child with presymbolic or symbolic play targets
      - One child of the trainee's choice
  - Trainee must include a written reflection describing child's targets, challenges that occurred, highlights, & questions
- **Fidelity Feedback Structure:**
  - Trainee will receive written feedback and scores on the JASPER Treatment Fidelity form from a JASPER trainer upon review
  - Trainee should allow for feedback before the next submission
- **Cost:**
  - \$150 USD per video review (includes feedback)
- **Eligibility:**
  - Trainees must complete JASPER Training Level 1, Part A and Part B
  - Trainees have 12 months to reach fidelity (demonstrated with 3 videos at 90%+ implementation) after completing training Part B

## Recommended Supervision

An optional 12-week remote supervision package to provide consistent support to trainees who plan to work toward fidelity.

- **Requirements:**
  - Trainee must conduct in-person sessions with 1-2 children/week in their local context & submit one 20-minute video/week for 12 weeks
  - Each video submission should follow the requirements listed under Part C
- **Feedback Structure:**
  - Trainee will receive written feedback and scores on the JASPER Treatment Fidelity form from a JASPER trainer upon review
  - This feedback is to be applied to the trainee's subsequent session that is video recorded for feedback
  - We encourage trainees to first develop their skills with one case and then add cases over the course of the 12 weeks of support
  - It is possible for trainees to reach fidelity (see Part C) during this period, but it is likely that at least one of these videos will occur after the completion of the 12 weeks of support
    - Trainees seeking additional support can add on regular feedback calls for an added cost
- **Cost:**
  - \$1,500 USD for 12 video submissions
  - Package can be renewed at additional cost if additional support is required beyond 12 weeks
- **Eligibility:**
  - Trainees must complete JASPER Training Level 1, Part A and Part B
  - Supervision must begin within 3 months of participation in the Part B workshop training
  - Once started, trainees have 6 months to complete all 12 feedback sessions

**Once a trainee has successfully submitted three fidelity videos each with a total score of at least 90%, the trainee will receive certification as an approved JASPER direct child service practitioner. As a JASPER direct child service practitioner, the clinician may provide JASPER intervention sessions directly with children but may not deliver the caregiver mediated JASPER model or train other practitioners to deliver JASPER. These roles require Level 2 JASPER Coach Training. For maintaining approved practitioner status, trainee must complete an annual fidelity check or JASPER review course through the JASPER trainers at UCLA.**

# Jasper LEVEL 2a TRAINING

This training is intended for individuals who have achieved fidelity in the introductory JASPER course and are interested in learning to coach caregivers in the JASPER caregiver-mediated model.

## Basic Requirements

In order to begin Level 2a coaching in JASPER, trainees must have accomplished the following:

- Graduate degree in a related field (e.g., psychology, education, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, marriage and family therapy, counseling, applied behavior analysis)
- 5+ years of experience working in intervention and/or assessment with young children with ASD and other special needs
- Completed JASPER Training Level 1 A-C and maintained fidelity (engage in a fidelity check before beginning coaching training)
- Must have provided JASPER direct clinician-child services with 5-10 individual cases
  - Cases must represent a diverse range of strengths, needs, and ages

## Level 2a: Certification to Coach Caregivers

- **Core Experiences to Become a JASPER Caregiver Coach:**
  - Attend a 5-day caregiver coaching training workshop
  - Expect to practice coaching independently

- **Achieving Fidelity:**
  - To reach fidelity, trainees must score at least 90% total implementation fidelity in three videos
  - **Requirements:**
    - Each of the three videos should each be filmed with a different caregiver-child dyad and include children who show a range of needs for play and social communication:
      - One child with simple or combination play targets
      - One child with presymbolic or symbolic play targets
      - One child of trainee's choice
    - The video should include the introductory discussion (with handout as applicable) with the caregiver and the following coaching session with child and caregiver
    - Video must include the session from the time child enters the room, be unedited, and allow the reviewer to clearly view the child's face and hands, materials, and both the caregiver and the coach's face and actions
    - Each video submission must include a written reflection describing the child's targets, targets for the adult's learning, challenges that occurred, highlights, and questions
    - Videos should be submitted one at a time to allow for feedback before the next submission
  - **Fidelity Feedback Structure:**
    - Trainee will receive written feedback and scores on the JASPER Treatment Fidelity form from a JASPER trainer upon review
      - Fidelity ratings will cover both the presence of strategies as needed for the individual child as well as the quality of implementation
- **Optional Remote Supervision:**
  - A 6-week remote supervision package to support trainees who plan to work toward JASPER caregiver coaching fidelity
  - Trainee must conduct sessions with 1-2 caregiver-child dyads per week in their local context and submit one session/week for 6 weeks
  - Videos must include all requirements noted above
- **Cost:**
  - \$3000 USD per trainee for 4-day workshop
  - \$150 USD per video review (includes feedback)
  - \$600 USD for 6-week optional remote supervision
- **Eligibility:**
  - Trainees must reach fidelity within 6-months of completing the Level 2a Core Experience Workshop
  - \*All in person trainings will have additional travel fees

Once a trainee has successfully submitted three fidelity videos each with a total score of at least 90%, the trainee is considered to be a certified JASPER caregiver coach. All approved practitioners will be listed on the JASPER website. The certified JASPER caregiver coach may provide direct service to caregivers and their children. This certification does not allow the practitioner to train other caregiver coaches. For maintaining approved practitioner status, trainee must complete an annual fidelity check or JASPER review course through the JASPER trainers at UCLA.

# Jasper LEVEL 2b TRAINING

This training is intended for individuals who have achieved fidelity in the introductory JASPER course and wish to train other direct service clinicians within their own local organization.

## Basic Requirements

**In order to begin Level 2b coaching in JASPER, trainees must accomplish the following:**

- Graduate degree in a related field (e.g., psychology, education, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, marriage and family therapy, counseling, applied behavior analysis)
- 5+ years of experience working in intervention and/or assessment with young children with ASD and other special needs
- Completed JASPER Training Level 1 A-C and maintained fidelity (engage in a fidelity check before beginning coaching training)
- Must have provided JASPER direct clinician-child services with 5-10 individual cases
  - Cases must represent a diverse range of strengths, needs, and ages

## Level 2b: Certification to Coach Local Practitioners

- **Core Experiences to Become a JASPER Local Trainer:**
  - Complete a 4-hour introductory training
  - Lead a Level 1 Training for up to 6 trainees from your team with the support of Mentor Trainers
  - Become a reliable rater of JASPER implementation fidelity
  - Expect to practice coaching independently

### • **Achieving Coaching Fidelity:**

- To reach fidelity, trainees must score at least 90% total implementation fidelity in three videos
- **Requirements:**
  - Each 20-minute video should show the coach deliver live active coaching support to a adult-child dyad
  - The three videos should each be filmed with a different adult-child dyad and include children who show a range of needs for play and social communication:
    - One child with simple or combination play targets
    - One child with presymbolic or symbolic play targets
    - One child of trainee's choice
  - The video should include the introductory discussion (with handout as applicable) with the adult and the following coaching session with child and trainee
  - Video must include the session from the time child enters the room, be unedited, and allow the reviewer to clearly view the child's face and hands, materials, and both the adult and the coach's face and actions
  - Each video submission must include a written reflection describing the child's targets, adult's learning targets, challenges that occurred, highlights, and questions
  - Videos should be submitted one at a time to allow for feedback before the next submission
- **Fidelity Feedback Structure:**
  - Coach will receive written feedback and scores on the JASPER Treatment Fidelity form from a JASPER trainer upon review
    - Fidelity ratings will cover both the presence and quality of coaching strategies as needed for the individual caregiver as well the quality of implementation of the intervention with the child

### • **Achieving Scoring Reliability:**

- Coach will submit ratings of the adult's strategy implementation using the JASPER Treatment Fidelity Form
  - Coach must reach 80% scoring reliability with a Mentor Trainer coding the adult's implementation of strategies on ten reliability videos.

### • **Optional Remote Supervision:**

- A 6-week remote supervision package to support coaches who plan to work toward JASPER trainee coaching fidelity
- Trainee must conduct coaching sessions with 1-2 adult-child dyads per week in their local context and submit one session/week for 6 weeks
- Videos must include all requirements noted above
- Coach must reach fidelity within 6-months of completing Level 2B workshop training or delivering paired workshop with Mentor Trainer

### • **Cost:**

- \$3000 USD per trainee for 5-day workshop
- \$4000 USD for 6 level 1 trainees' workshop
- \$150 USD for 10 scoring reliability videos
- \$150 USD per video review (includes feedback)
- \$600 USD for 6-week optional remote supervision

### • **Eligibility:**

- Trainees must reach fidelity within 6-months of completing the Level 2b Core Experience Workshop and leading supported Level 1 Training with a Mentor Trainer
- **\*All in person trainings will have additional travel fees**

**Once a trainee has successfully submitted three fidelity videos each with a total score of at least 90%, the trainee is considered to be a certified JASPER local trainer. All approved practitioners will be listed on the JASPER website. The certified JASPER local trainer may train other clinicians in their own organization but may not coach caregivers or clinicians outside of their own organization. For maintaining approved practitioner status, trainee must complete an annual fidelity check or JASPER review course through the JASPER trainers at UCLA.**