

**Louder Than Words: Understanding, Preventing
and De-escalating Acting Out Behaviors for
Students with Severe Communication Issues**

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Location: Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Professional Development Center
340 Central Avenue, New Providence

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration	MUJC Members:	\$105.00
Fees:	Nonmembers with Subscription:	\$105.00
	Nonmembers:	\$125.00

This in person inservice is intended to increase participants' skills in effectively providing support to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities who may exhibit acting out behaviors. This inservice will examine the stages of behavior escalation and show what each stage "looks like" for a student with an intellectual or developmental disability who may be unable to communicate verbally or may have limited verbal skills. Role play is incorporated so participants may practice interventions designed to de-escalate the behavior of these students.

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in:

1. communication challenges and environmental factors that may impact the behavior of individuals who are diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability,
2. potential triggers for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities that may evolve into a crisis or meltdown,
3. behavioral de-escalation techniques that can be used to help a student with an intellectual or developmental disability regain emotional control and return to learning after an outburst.

This inservice is in person from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.