Communication partners are hard to find, support, and train. Training and best practice are at the heart of maintaining quality communication when you use Facilitated Communication.

The Wellspring Guild Trainer program will provide you with the skills necessary to assess potential candidates, teach others the foundational concepts, support families and professionals in the process of getting started and skill building and support current communicators in working toward independence.

Inside the Program
- 1:1 mentoring and supervision from experienced FCT trainers
- Support for development of your trainer portfolio
- Learn through webinars, live discussion groups and teaching opportunities
- Networking opportunities with other trainers

What you will learn to teach?
- Description/history of FCT
- Knowledge of the research on FCT
- Presuming competence framework
- Movement differences
- “Getting Started” process
- Implementation for individual differences
- Working with technology and AAC
- Working on independence
- Implementation across ages and settings
- Documenting authorship

Who should enroll?
It is required that persons applying to the trainer program have successful experience supporting communicators using Best Practice in Facilitated Communication Training. Coaching experience is preferred.

- Parents/Caregivers
- Adult service providers
- Professionals

Trainer Accreditation Level Outcome:
Accreditation is given to those who successfully complete the following:
Webinar Series 1
Webinar Series 2
Five assessments of potential candidates
Trainer Portfolio
Lead teaching of a one day introductory workshop on FCT

How do you get started?
- Complete the application
- Develop teaching opportunities
- Continue active engagement in the work!

Total investment
$1300 Program Fee
$50 Accreditation Fee
Program fee due at registration
Payment Plan available

Sign up here https://www.wellspringguild.org/
Trainer Timeline

Online Information Session: August 2, 2022; 4 - 5 pm EST

Application period: August and September, 2022

Contact Marilyn Chadwick, marilynachadwick@gmail.com for more information.

Webinar Series I All workshops are 1 1/2 hours in length

Introduction: Anatomy of a Workshop (Marilyn) 9/28/22
Introduction: Assessments (Darlene) 10/12/22
Workshop Topics
  Presuming Competence (including the topic of candidacy) (Harvey and Tracy) 10/19/22
  Understanding Movement (Angie) 10/26/22
  Basics of Support (Pascal) 11/2/22
  Independence (Eleanor) 11/9/22
  Elephant in the Room: Let’s talk research (Marilyn) 11/16/22
  Best Practice: (including topics of networking, follow up, documentation, and protecting yourself as a professional) 11/30/22

Webinar Series II All workshops are 1 1/2 hours in length Participants teach each other.

Workshop Topics:
  Presuming Competence (including the topic of candidacy) 1/4/23
  Understanding Movement 1/18/23
  Basics of Support 2/1/23
  Independence 2/15/23
  Elephant in the Room: Let’s talk research 3/1/23
  Best Practice: (including topics of networking, follow up, documentation, and protecting yourself as a professional) 3/15/23

Supervised Assessments: October 1, 2022 to October 1, 2023
Supervised Training: Providing a one-day workshop in person April 1, 2023- October 1, 2023