## SPDG Directors' Webinar: A Closer Look at the IRIS Center



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# We are glad to be with you today!

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# **Today's Outcomes**

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Describe strategies for sharing information about use of IRIS resources

## Who Are We?



**Preparing and Supporting Educators** 

## **Open Educational Resources (OERs)**

Free OERs about working with all students, especially struggling learners and those with disabilities. IRIS OERs...

- Focus on EBPs
- Address important instructional and behavioral issues



## **Resource Topics**

- Accommodations
- Assessment
- Assistive Technology
- Behavior and Classroom Management
- Collaboration
- Content Instruction
- Differentiated Instruction
- Disability
- Diversity

- Early Intervention/Early Childhood
- IEPs
- Juvenile Corrections
- Learning Strategies
- Mathematics
- Reading, Literacy, Language Arts
- Related Services
- MTSS/RTI
- School Improvement/Leadership
- Transition

## **IRIS Use Worldwide: Anticipated 2.8 million visits in 2019**



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## Keys to Our Success: Flexibility of Use

- Self-contained units
- Self-paced
- Different "grain sizes"
- Allows for pairing/bundling of resources
- Personalized learning



## **Keys to Our Success: Our Process**

- Research-to-practice knowledge translation
  - Start with expert content
- Instructional design
  - Activate prior knowledge
  - o Scaffold content
  - Break information down in variety of ways (text, graphics, tables, expert interviews, videos, interactive activities)
  - Provide application opportunities, when possible

## **Signature Resource**

## **IRIS STAR Legacy Modules**

- Online interactive resource
- Grounded in adult learning theory
- Developed in collaboration with experts in the field
- Translate research to practice
- Reviewed by an expert panel and field-tested
- Are proven effective by research









## **Module Demonstration**



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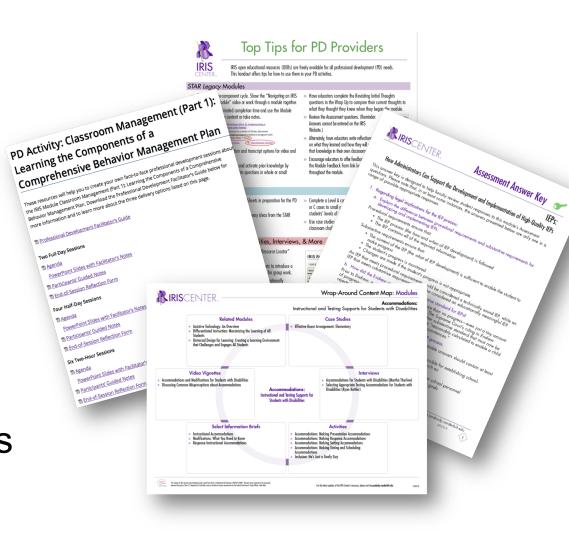


## **Resources for PD Providers**

- Top Tips for PD Providers
- SiMR/IRIS Resource
  Alignment
- Sample Professional Development Activity Collection
  - Wrap-Around Content Maps
  - Assessment Answer Keys

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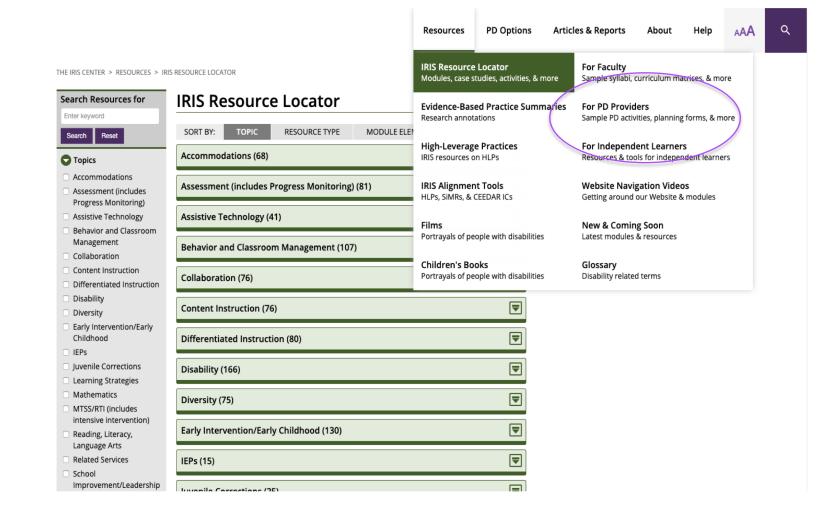




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## Where to Find Resources for PD Providers



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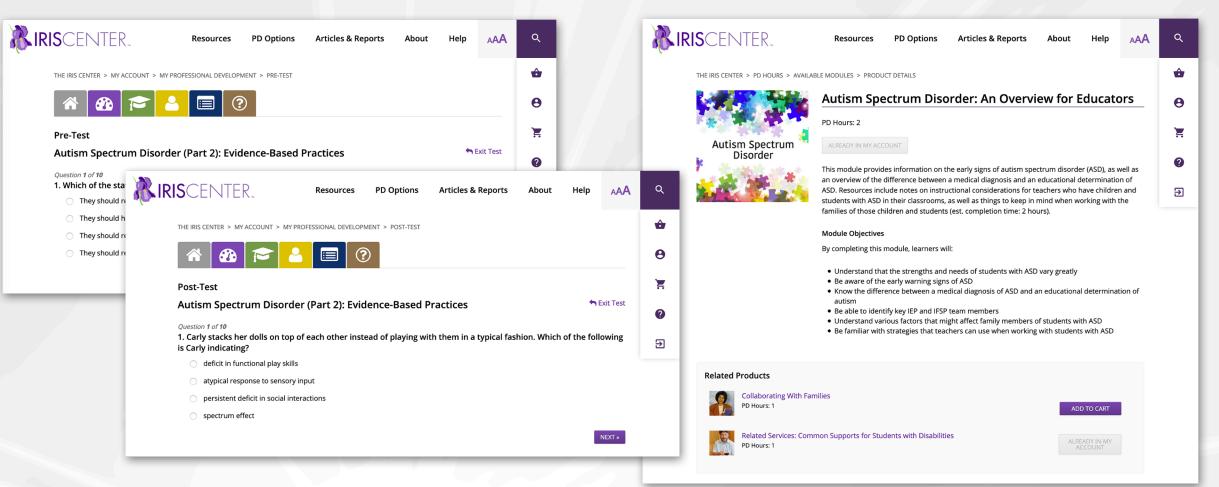
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### Certificate includes:

- Educator's name
- Module title
- Module objectives
- Assigned hours
- Options for pre/post-test scores





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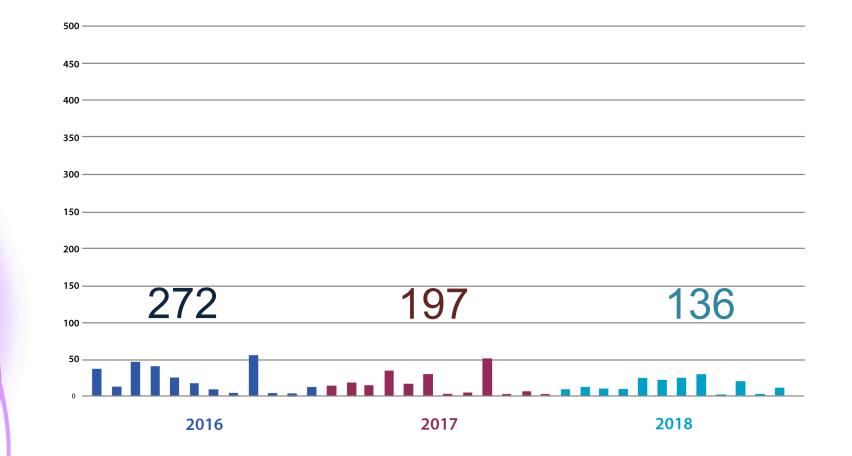


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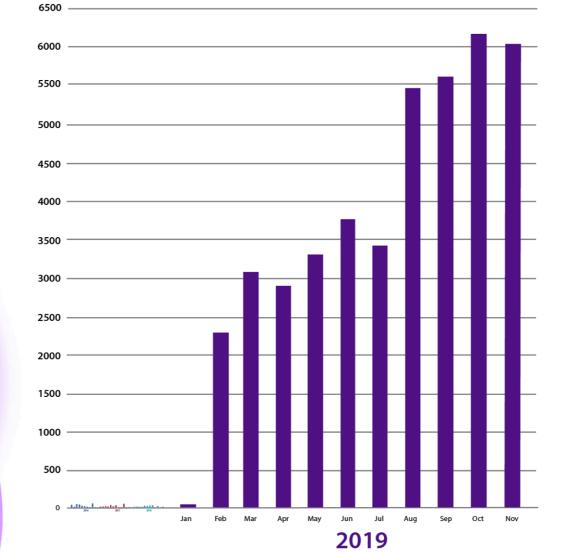
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## **Certificates "Purchased": 2019**

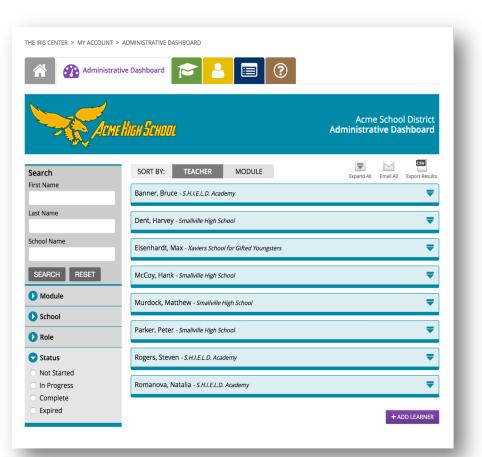


13 certificates in January2,379 certificates inFebruary (only 2 weeks)42,869 total throughNovember

## **School & District Platform**

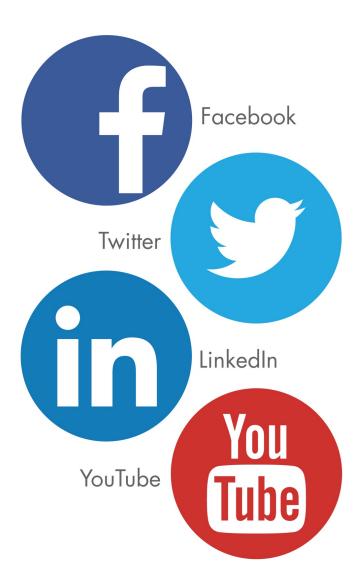
Administrative Dashboard allows school leaders to:

- Assign modules
- Track progress by school, module, or completion status
- Send emails
- Download data for accountability purposes



## **Social Media**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- LinkedIn
- IRIS Standard (e-newsletter)



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### **IRIS: A Valued Resource**

Thank you for these modules. IRIS modules are always detailed and provide more information than the texts and in a much clearer, user-friendly interface. I appreciate all the time and worked [sic] that goes into these modules (this one was not assigned, but made my lesson planning unit -my first-easier to do and with better clarity) and I will be a better teacher because you created them. Thank you again. College student, general education (Content Standards)

This was very helpful in preparing me to explain the process to new teachers this year. I will have 6 new to the profession and I will utilize some of the information in our mini sessions. Thanks for the module!!! School leader (Content Standards)

I have "zero" experience in Sped or secondary teaching. I LOVED the step by step challenge – to – implementation of Student-Centered Transition Planning...I will use this information to become a better SPED teacher & how important the "whole picture" is for the student's IEP and success. LOVED IT – THANK YOU!

College student, special education (Secondary Transition: Student-Centered Planning)

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Exceptionally comprehensive and relevant to my research. Thanks a million. *Graduate student, special education (Secondary Reading, Pt. 1)* 

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## **Explore the Website**

## Website URL:

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