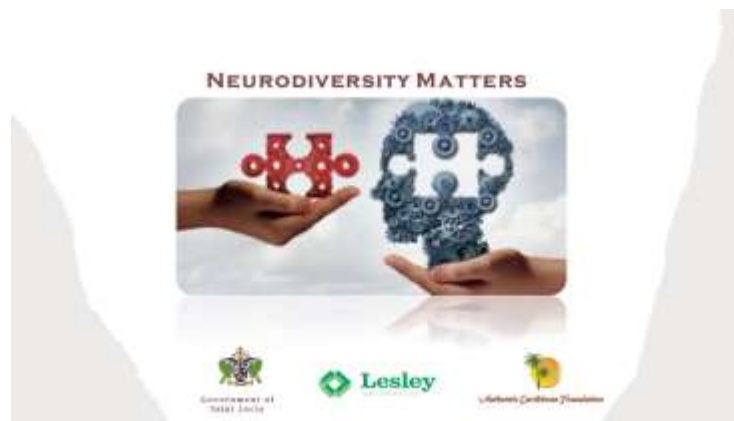




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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **RECENT TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF NEURODIVERSE STUDENTS DEEMED A SUCCESS**



**Washington D.C.**, - The recent week-long, July 12-16, 2021, training module for educators of children with autism, ADHD and dyslexia has been deemed a success by Lesley University as well as the Ministry of Education of Saint Lucia. Ambassador Edmunds noted that a meeting held on August 11, 2021 highlighted the fact that there were over 100 teachers actively engaged in this certificate program, with a survey of participants highlighting the value of the initiative.

A follow-on program to be held in the fall is being currently developed. This session will deliver training to caregivers and community stakeholders who also work with neurodiverse individuals.

The successful initiative was a result of a partnership between the Authentic Caribbean Foundation (ACF), Lesley University's Institute for English Language Programs Beyond Borders, the Embassy of Saint Lucia in Washington D.C. and the Ministry of Education. On behalf of the Government of Saint Lucia, Ambassador Edmunds expressed appreciation to Lesley University and the AFC for agreeing to launch this now regional initiative in Saint Lucia.

The Authentic Caribbean Foundation (ACF), founded in 2012, is a non-profit organization based in Boston that is committed to transforming the lives of Caribbean children and their caregivers - impacted by disabilities and HIV/AIDS - through providing health and educational support. Lesley University is a private university in Cambridge Massachusetts.

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