

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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The PLAY Project™'s Autism Intervention Program
Helping young children with autism reach their full potential through **PLAY**

The PLAY Project™ is an evidence-based autism early intervention program that trains child development professionals (SLP, OT, MSW, MEd, PhD, MD) to work with families who have a young child with autism. Our developmental, relationship-based approach is fun to learn, practical to implement, effective in helping families, and the model can improve community services.

The PLAY Project™'s online learning courses are designed to help parents and professionals understand The PLAY Project™'s approach to engaging young children on the autism spectrum. Through our online learning courses, caregivers, therapists, educators, and other child development professionals can learn to improve their daily interactions with children with ASD.



Transition Tricks

In Parent Courses

Help your child with the changes in life.

Online Courses

Transition Tricks

Recommended for: Parents and caregivers of children with ASD; early childhood professionals, including therapists, educators, and paraprofessionals.

<https://www.playproject.org/project/transition-tricks/>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY
6/9 & 6/12



THE INCREDIBLES 2
6/23



JURASSIC WORLD FALLEN KINGDOM
6/26

Movie Showings for Guests & Families Living with Autism or Other Special Needs

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater: <https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

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Giving kids what they need to succeed.

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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

Teachers Pay Teachers



Interactive Summer Break
Social Narrative for Students
with Autism (Special Ed)

FREE

Digital Download

<https://goo.gl/JFAkWJ>

Easy-to-Use Calming Strategies for Autism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13DiS7cPgX0>

Calming Strategies for Autism

by Ryan Judd, MA, MT-BC
Board Certified Music Therapist

www.TheRhythmTree.com

As a board certified music therapist, I use calming music and effective strategies to help anxious children with autism regulate their sensory systems. This music therapy video teaches you easy-to-use calming strategies for children with autism. Please sign up for my newsletter full of great tips and special education resources at <http://www.therhythmtree.com/landing-...> . To listen to calming music as featured in this video, take a listen to my Spotify playlist of music for sleep and relaxation. <http://open.spotify.com/user/12600036...>



10 Fun Summer DIY
Sensory Games for Kids

- 10) COLORED BEANS
- 9) RAINBOW ICE EXCAVATION
- 8) POLKA DOT SLIME
- 7) "GLOWING" WATER
- 6) SPIDER WEB WALK
- 5) ZIPPER BOARD
- 4) BALLOON PAINT STAMPING
- 3) MAGIC FOAMING SNOWMAN
- 2) POOL NOODLE BOATS
- 1) RAINBOW SOAP FOAM

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/blog/2015/06/11/10-fun-summer-diy-sensory-games-kids>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.nfar.org/resources/summer-camps.html>
<http://www.theottoolbox.com/p/the-sensory-lifestyle-handbook.html>
<https://goo.gl/xXTQjW>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CAPTAIN

California Autism Professional Training
and Information Network

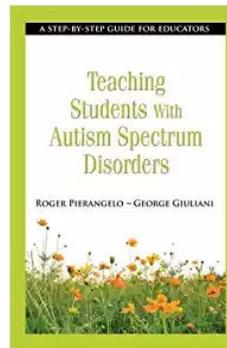
<http://www.captain.ca.gov/ebptrainings.html>

EBP Trainings

- Visual Supports
- Visual Supports - Handouts
- CAPTAIN Reinforcement Presentation
- R+ Implementation Checklist
- Video Modeling



RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Teaching Students with Autism
Spectrum Disorders: A Step-by-
Step Guide for Educators 1st
Edition

by [Roger Pierangelo](#)

Written by experts in special
education and psychology, this
user-friendly resource
summarizes current research

and presents a comprehensive overview of how to
teach students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).



Information Sheet
3 – Learning Links
– Helping Kids
Learn

Strategies For
Teaching Students With Autism Spectrum Disorder
And Other Students With Special Needs By Sue
Larkey*

Strategies to help students complete tasks Work tasks
and homework can be a very stressful time for schools
and families of students with Autism Spectrum
Disorder. There are a number of strategies that can help
students with Autism Spectrum Disorder successfully
complete tasks. The strategies can be grouped into four
areas – workload, work tasks, work environment and
feedback and rewards.

http://www.hdesd.org/files/2015/06/A-LLIS-03_Autism-Strategies.pdf