

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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Personal Style and Interaction Tips for Working With Individuals Affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders
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Here are some ideas that staff and family can implement that can have a positive effect on personal interaction style and interpersonal communication.

1. Be Sensitive.
2. Avoid Psychiatric Terminology.
3. Discuss Them When They Are Not Present.
4. Don't Ask, Tell.
5. Wait.
6. Don't Add More Information: Wait For A Response.
7. Follow Up
8. Make Questions And Statements Sound Different
9. If You Ask An Open Ended Question, Then Accept Any Answer.
10. Only One Voice At A Time.
11. Stay Out Of Communication Directed At The Individual
12. Physically Prompt A Response
13. Do Not Put The Child Or Adult's Name At The Beginning Of Every Instructional Cue
14. Be sure to work on two essential skills when you are communicating. One essential skill is "Listen and Do" and the other is "Read and Do."

<https://goo.gl/QCWeQk>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD
3/9



CAPTAIN MARVEL
3/12 & 3/26



WONDER PARK
3/23

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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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

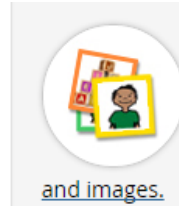


Sewing Tutorial: How to Make a Weighted Blanket (Sensory Friendly)

Blanket (Sensory Friendly)

<http://www.mamasmiles.com/sewing-tutorial-how-to-make-a-weighted-sensory-blanket/>

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Visuals Engine

Create visual supports using our templates

and images.

Create Visual Supports for your child

The visuals engine will help you build visual supports and sequences for your child.

Steps:

1. Select the template with the size of picture you want.
2. Select a picture to put in the template.
3. Type in the title you will use for that picture.
4. Repeat for more pictures.

Now you are ready to print and use!

TEACHING TIPS AND TRICKS-

Anger Rules

It is o.k. to be angry but...



*Don't hurt others



*Don't hurt yourself



*Don't hurt property

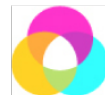


Talk about how you feel...



A PAT ON THE BACK-idea from Dr. Jean!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder

AFIRM: Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

<http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/npsc-resources>

The NPDC is currently updating online modules for each of the 27 evidence-based practices. The new modules are called Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules (AFIRM).

Each module will guide the learner through how to use the practice by focusing on the three specific steps of planning, using, and monitoring.

Currently available Modules:



The Center on Secondary Education for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders

EBP Case Studies developed by the Center on Secondary Education for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (CSESA)

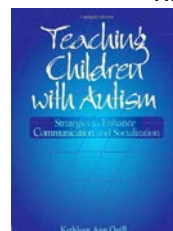
Online case studies that apply specific practices to high school students with ASD.



The ASD Toddler Initiative Online Learning Modules

Online modules to support the use of evidence-based practices for young children (birth-3) and their families. Early Intervention Learning Module

RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Teaching Children with Autism: Strategies to Enhance Communication and Socialization (Health & Life Science) Paperback – June 8, 1995 by Kathleen Ann Quill

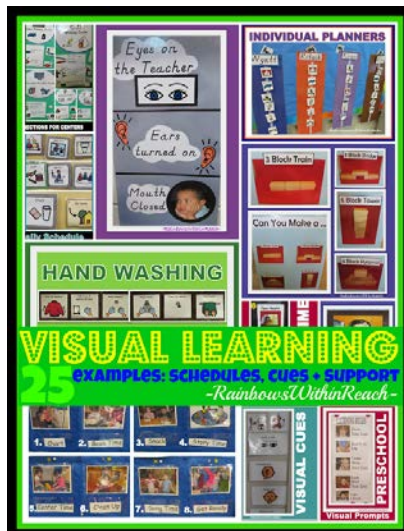
WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.amaze.org.au/discover/about-autism-spectrum-disorder/resources>

<http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/resources/edresources/>

<http://education.qld.gov.au/asd-online-resource-kit/>

<http://rainbowswithinreach.blogspot.com/2012/06/visual-prompts-schedules-and-supports.html>



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

27 March - 2 April 2015
Find out more...

<http://www.autism.org.uk/Get-involved/Raise-money/World-Autism-Awareness-Week.aspx>