

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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Chuck E. Cheese's is proud to support families who have children with autism and special needs. We now offer a sensory-friendly experience on the first Sunday of every month. Our trained and caring staff is there to make sure each guest has a fun filled visit.

The Sensory Sensitive Sundays experience includes:

1. Less crowding and noise
2. Dimmed lighting
3. Show and music turned off or down
4. Limited appearances by Chuck E.
5. Food and games are offered

<https://www.chuckecheese.com/deals-offers/sensory-sensitive-sundays>



The Self-Control & Channel-Changer

A free, printable kit for Conversation practice

Remote Control Channel Changers - DIY Social Communication Prompts for Children with ASD

<https://goo.gl/5NTL9X>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



AVENGERS:
INFINITY WAR
5/5 & 5/12

SHOW DOGS
5/26

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.

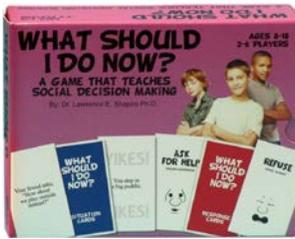
Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater:

<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



What Should I Do Now? Card Game

Understanding appropriate responses to different situations.

This hilarious card game is designed to help children understand the different reactions we have to difficult situations and how our responses affect those around us. The difference between responding inappropriately and responding appropriately is examined in a non-judgmental setting. <https://www.autism-products.com/product/what-should-i-do-now-card-game/>

Everyday Speech

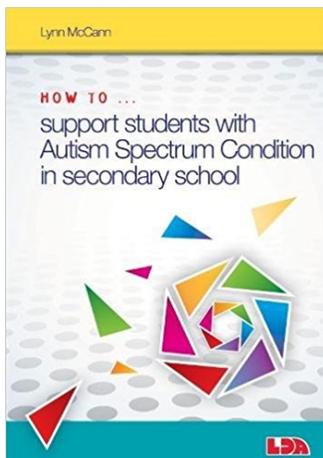
Free Social Skills Videos! 6 Videos for Elementary Through High School Students

We've recently released 6 free social skills videos on YouTube! These videos are a part of our [social skills videos library](#) – over 200 social skills videos designed to help aide social learning from elementary through high school. Our digital videos are available for instant viewing on ALL your devices: PCs, Macs, iPad + Android tablets, and smartphones.

- [Making Connected Comments](#)
- [Emotions Bingo!](#)
- [Compromising](#)
- [Taking a Break to Calm Down](#)
- [Think it Or Say It](#)
- [Making Eye Contact](#)
- [Seeing Someone Else's Side](#)
- [Listening With Your Body](#)
- [Working in Groups](#)

<https://everydayspeech.com/free-social-skills-videos-6-videos-for-elementary-through-high-school-students/>

RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



How to ... Support Children with Autism Spectrum Condition in Secondary School
Paperback – December 25, 2017

by Lynn McCann

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/MZdVRs>

<https://goo.gl/9hRnp6>

<https://goo.gl/5XRhuR>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Practical Information for Parents & Professionals

We now have over 25 videos on diverse topics, ranging from Toilet Training to Sleep to Mental Health. Each video is divided into small segments that can be easily shared with other team or family members via an email link. No password is necessary. Just click on a link below and enjoy community-focused information presented by respected clinicians who are committed to sharing the latest in research and clinical experience.

<https://www.actcommunity.ca/education/videos>



<https://goo.gl/VHhPak>

PBS SOCIAL The autism rate is on the rise, CDC says. Here's what that actually means. . . Apr 27, 2018

One in 59 children in the U.S. have autism spectrum disorder, based on a new estimate released Thursday by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new rate, in context: The latest figure from the network represents a small — less than a quarter of a percentage point — increase compared to the autism rate released in 2016 (one in 68). CDC officials partially attribute this rise to improved surveillance and diagnosis in minority communities.

Using Google Maps for social interaction and conversation for children with autism



By Joel Shaul

<https://goo.gl/JpXf90>