

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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10 TRANSITION STRATEGIES FOR KIDS: PREVENTING TANTRUMS

- 1 || Make it clear to the child how much longer the activity will last.
 - 2 || Make sure the child knows and understands what is coming next and give her something to look forward to!
 - 3 || Use a transition object or toy.
 - 4 || Practice the art of distraction.
 - 5 || Make a sensory "pit stop".
 - 6 || Have a consistent way of signaling that an activity is over.
 - 7 || Make "wait" time less miserable and confusing.
 - 8 || Don't rush it.
 - 9 || Practice makes perfect.
 - 10 || Consistency, structure, and organization are key!
- <https://goo.gl/AkHgVr>

Sesame Street Creates Online Videos and New Character With Autism

 Sesame Street and Autism
see amazing in all children



Celebrate the uniqueness of each and every child!

They are even providing free resources for use in classroom and home environments.

<http://autism.sesamestreet.org/>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



The Lego Batman Movie
February 11, 2017



Rock Dog
February 25, 2017

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



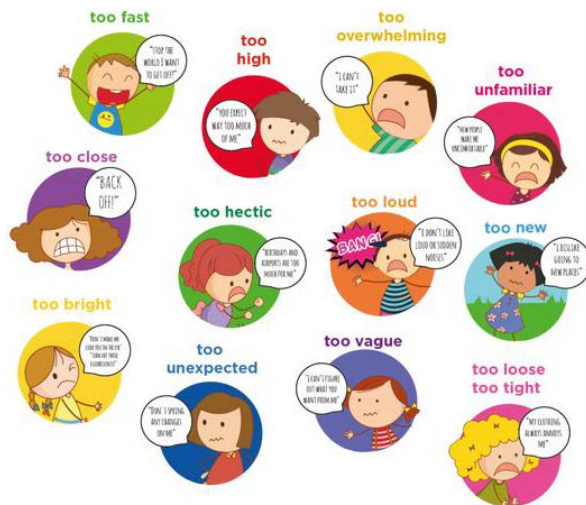
Free Social Story Creator App

Social Stories Creator and Library

By Touch Autism

An amazing app for easily creating, sharing and printing educational social stories, visual schedules, and beautiful memories.

Triggers for Kids With Autism & SPD



<http://www.lionheartinnovations.com/uncategorized/autism-triggers/>



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What's Wrong with W-Sitting?

While many children W-sit some of the time, they can easily transition out of it with a simple “friendly feet” kind of reminder. It is of concern when W-sitting is the child’s primary way of sitting on the floor to play. It can inhibit trunk mobility, balance reactions in the trunk, crossing the midline, and prevent children from reaching all around them and behind them to grab toys. For children who have motor delays, it feeds into patterns that can ultimately be harmful to the muscles and joints, and interfere with the development of higher level motor skills.

<http://www.potsot.com/whats-wrong-with-w-sitting.html>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/jzF961>

<http://www.cesa7.org/sped/autism/structure/str10.htm>

<https://goo.gl/OvJMmO>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

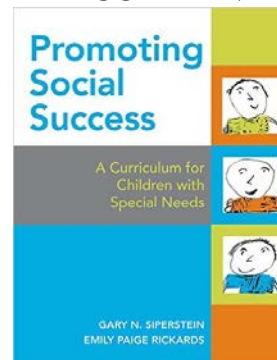


The Center on Secondary Education for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (CSESA) is excited to announce the availability of its newest resource, the Understanding Autism Professional Development Curriculum. Created in collaboration with the Organization for Autism Research (OAR), this comprehensive professional development tool is designed to provide middle and high school teachers with the knowledge and evidence-based strategies needed to support their students with autism in the general education classroom. The materials include two 75-minute training presentations, to be used together or separately, with video clips, participant handouts, activity worksheets, and facilitator notes:

<https://goo.gl/1kU7E0>



RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Promoting Social Success: A Curriculum for Children with Special Needs (AAC) 1st Edition by Gary Siperstein Ph.D. , Emily Rickards M.A.



Kevin and Avonte's Law is legislation that would help safeguard children with autism or other developmental disabilities from wandering.

The Big Red Safety Box program is a resource for individuals with Autism at risk of wandering/elopement.
<https://goo.gl/bgijfA>

