

# Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism  
Educational Equity For All



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## TED Talk on Autism

This list of TED talks features some amazing first-person accounts from those living with autism.

<http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/05/7-great-ted-talks-on-autism-teachers.html>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



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**REGAL MyWay Matinee**

Sensory friendly • Sound lower • Lights brighter

<p>January 14</p>	<p>February 11</p>
<p>March 11</p>	<p>April 8</p>

SHOWTIMES 10:30 am • TICKETS \$6.50

<http://www.regmovies.com/Home/MyWayMatinee>

## 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



**Faces & Feelings Listening Lotto**  
Kids explore the look and tone of emotions as they match narrative statements to photographs of kids faces

showing different expressions in this fun game of listening lotto. <https://goo.gl/4Ft67m>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.autismoutreach.ca/resources/resources>  
<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/autism-it-s-different-in-girls/>  
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/autism/>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



# Anxiety & Autism

This course aims to increase awareness of the causes and effects of anxiety in a person with autism. The course will help you understand how you can support them in these situations, and will give you tips for managing your own stress and anxiety.

It will take approximately one hour to complete.

<http://elearning.autism-connect.org.uk/store/9109-anxiety-autism?tab=1>



## Know the Code Package

Item # 705356

The Social Standards at School book focuses on 53 relevant social skills, organized to mesh with a typical school day:



Getting ready, classroom behavior, transitions, breaks, plus relationships and etiquette. Each skill provides teacher guidelines and a student self-monitoring page. This 160 page reproducible book is spiral bound making it easy to photocopy.

## Step Into Conversation - Learning Tool for Autistic Children

Targets the following skills:

- Improving Social Relationships
- Initiating Conversation
- Staying on Topic
- Asking Appropriate Questions
- Taking Turns
- Answering Questions Appropriately
- Making Eye Contact



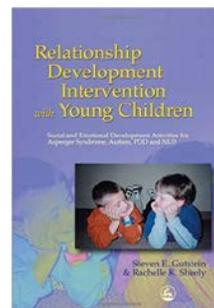
<http://www.childrensucceed.com/games-for-autistic-kids/step-into-conversation.html>

Free Videos For Autistic Kids, Parents And Teachers

- Speech
- Social Skills
- Life Skills & Occupational Therapy
- Alphabet and Reading
- Writing Grammar
- Math
- Science (New!)

<http://www.freevideosforautisticstickids.com/>

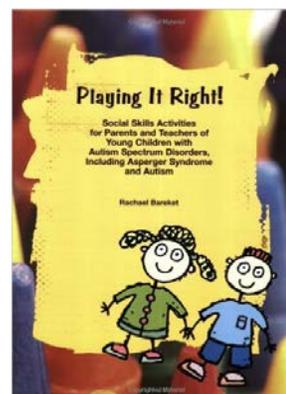
## RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Relationship Development Intervention with Young Children: Social and Emotional Development Activities for Asperger Syndrome, Autism,

PDD and NLD  
by [Steven Gutstein](#), [Rachelle K Sheely](#)

Friendship, even for the most able, requires hard work, and the odds are heavily stacked against those with autism spectrum conditions. Designed for younger children, typically between the ages of two and eight, this comprehensive set of enjoyable activities emphasizes foundation skills such as social referencing, regulating behavior, conversational reciprocity and synchronized actions.



**Playing it Right! Social Skills Activities for Parents and Teachers of Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Including Asperger Syndrome and Autism**

by [Rachael Bareket](#)