



Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities
Educational Equity For All

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California Department of Education News



Announcements & Current Issues
Current and upcoming events, time-sensitive issues, and hot topics.

[Enrollment of Students with Disabilities in Charter Schools](#) (Posted 02-Feb-2018)

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ac/>

[Interactive Educational Games For Kids With Special Needs](#)



BrainParade®
A Learning Celebration®

Our goals are in line with the results of our products: to help parents, educators and caretakers to educate with an effective, intelligent application.

Parents love Brain Parade products because they are designed specifically for special needs children using the latest technology, plus they are affordable, portable and effective. But most of all, they love them because their kids love them.

<http://www.brainparade.com/users/parents/>



EXCLUSIVE REPORT:

Finding Balance

Obesity and Children with Special Needs



Overview of AbilityPath.org's Report and Guide to Obesity and Children with Special Needs

Read other sections of *Finding Balance*:

Four Stories: [Parents and Children Working Towards Healthy Weight](#)

Problem: [High Incidence Among Children with Special Needs](#)

Impact: [Consequences for Children's Lives](#)

Risk Factors: [Obstacles to Healthy Weight for Children with Special Needs](#)

Profiles: [Obesity Profiles for Particular Special Needs Groups](#)

Solutions: [The Five Spheres of Influence](#)

Programs: [Examples of Anti Obesity Programs for Children with Special Needs](#)

Resources & Toolkits

<https://abilitypath.org/finding-balance-report/>



"Programs must meet the needs of the parents they serve rather than demand that the parents meet the needs of the program... A match between parent needs and involvement opportunities increases the possibility that the parent will become actively involved in the program."

Elizabeth Landerholm and Jo Ann Karr,
"Designing Parent Involvement Program
Activities to Deal with Parents' Needs"

EDUCATIONAL
EQUITY FOR ALL
..... Giving kids what they need to succeed

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Feature Idea of Month



Explore the wealth of media assets and educational programs available from APT and PBS free-of-charge to parents and grandparents.

Discover educational online video, and explore your favorite PBS Kids shows with learning activities and discussion points.

<http://aptv.org/IQLEARNING/parents.asp>

An Interactive Story to Teach Kids About Restaurant Behavior

Posted on January 28, 2018 by [Rachel Wise](#)

Social stories are a research-based tool used to help children prepare for real-life events. They can be used to teach someone what to expect or how to behave in a particular setting.

Because no situation is the same, it may be helpful to talk to your child about how their restaurant experience might be different from the story below.

You also may want to practice “restaurant behavior” (as taught in this book) at home first, before going to the restaurant. This can help your child learn and practice the expectations, which will make him/her more likely to succeed on the actual trip.

You can PRINT THIS STORY to read with your child.

<http://www.educationandbehavior.com/social-story-about-going-to-a-restaurant/>

AUTISM RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

A large collection of autism parenting resources from free autism printables to encouraging autism quotes and more!

These resources are meant to help you learn more about autism, become better educate, inspire you, and encourage you in your autism parenting journey.

AUTISM TOOLBOX

Handy dandy resources to help and encourage your child. From DIY sensory hacks to free printable resources, these ideas are perfect for helping with day to day living.

<http://www.andnextcomesl.com/p/autism-resources-for-parents.html>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://www.k12academics.com/>

<http://www.our-kids.org/okadults/>

<https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/Special-Education-Toolkit>

Porchlight

AUTISM EDUCATION SERIES

The Porchlight Autism Education Series is a resource designed for parents and caregivers of people living with autism. The series focuses on education and solutions to help with behavioral change at home. Porchlight is meant to be an easily accessible resource for you when you need it, and at your own pace.

There are four learning areas including:

1. Understanding Autism / Tools for Caregivers
2. Help with Daily Routines / Self Help
3. Social Skills / Communication / Safety
4. Behaviors

The Porchlight Project originated out of a need to get concise, practical and easily implementable strategies into the homes of parents with children affected by developmental disabilities. The **learning modules** explore the following topic areas:

- Understanding Autism
- Caregiver Toolkit
- Daily Routines
- Self Help
- Social Skills
- Functional Communication
- Safety Skills
- Behaviors

<http://www.porchlighteducation.org/>



TOGETHER IT'S POSSIBLE

Support and Resources for Parents of Children with Dyslexia and Other Learning Differences

Audiobooks are not a crutch and they are not cheating. They are a crucial resource for children to learn at their grade level. When your child can get on a level playing field, his/her confidence soars!

Our library of human-narrated audiobooks includes literature and textbooks. VOICE text technology makes it easy to follow along by highlighting words as you read, creating an immersive reading experience.

<http://www.learningally.org/Parents>