

Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism
Educational Equity For All



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Six Basic Instructional Strategies For Working with Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders or Related Conditions

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1. Recognize and define the difference between objective and subjective information. Objective information is information that comes to us through our senses: what we see, hear, smell, touch or taste. Subjective information is what we think, feel, believe, judge or infer about objective facts. Although subjective information is interesting, program decisions need to be made based on observable, objective data.

Example:

Objective information

Dan left the classroom walking quickly after snacks were put away.

Subjective opinion:

Dan was angry because he wanted more snacks so he got up and left.

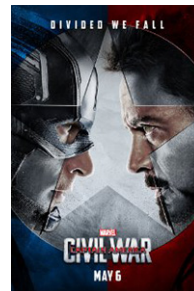
Learn to write and say, "This is what I observed....." and "This is what I think about what I saw....."

It is DANGEROUS to present opinions that have not been proven as if they are factual information.

<http://education.jhu.edu/PD/newhorizons/Exceptional%20Learners/Autism/Articles/Six%20Basic%20Instructional%20Strategies%20For%20Working%20with%20Children%20and%20Adults%20with%20Autism%20Spectrum%20Disorders%20or%20Related%20Conditions/>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR
5/10 at 7pm
5/14 at 10am



NEIGHBORS 2: SORORITY RISING
5/24 at 7pm



ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS
5/28 at 10am

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.

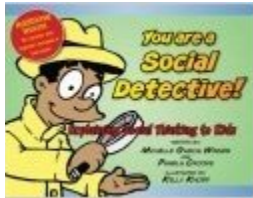
- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

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



You Are a Social Detective 1st Edition

by Michelle Garcia Winner, Pamela Crooke

Every one of us is a Social Detective.

We are good Social Detectives when we use our eyes, ears, and brains to figure out what others are planning to do next or are presently doing and what they mean by their words and deeds.

This entertaining comic book offers different ways that can be reviewed repeatedly with students to teach them how to develop their own social detective skills.



25 SENSORY HACKS FOR KIDS FOR VESTIBULAR & PROPRIOCEPTIVE INPUT

Sensory Swings You Could Make

- [Homemade Taco Sensory Swing](#)
- [DIY Hammock Chair Swing](#) from A Beautiful Mess
- [DIY Woven Wrap Swing](#) from Joyful Abode
- [Homemade Bolster Swing](#) from Sensory Processing
- [DIY Bungee Swing](#) from Holly's Arts & Crafts Corner
- [DIY Woven Wrap Swing](#)
- [Easy DIY Platform Swing](#) or [DIY Platform Sensory Swing](#) from Play at Home Mom LLC
- [Homemade Cuddle Swing](#) from A Sensory Life
- [DIY 20 Minute Skateboard Swing](#) from Little Bit Funky

Balance Toys You Could Make

- [DIY Skateboard Balance Board](#) from Hello, Wonderful
- [DIY Balance Beam](#) from My Little Me
- [DIY Balance Bench](#) from Adventure in a Box
- [DIY Rainbow Rocker](#) from Ramblings from the Burbs

Proprioceptive Toys You Could Make

- [Homemade Sensory Tunnel](#)
- [Homemade Stretchy Resistance Bands](#)
- [Homemade Shape Stretchies with Free Printable Shape Cards](#) from This Mama Makes Stuff
- [DIY No Sew Crash Mat](#) or [Homemade Crash Pad](#) from Kids Activities Blog
- [Homemade Ball Pit](#) from The Metzgars' Blog
- [Ball Pit Pool](#) from Thrive 360 Living
- [PVC Ball Pit](#) from Cup of Autism
- [Homemade Scooter Board](#) from Permanent Kisses
- [DIY Scootboard](#) from A Few Short Cuts

<http://www.andnextcomes1.com/2015/02/25-sensory-hacks-for-kids-autism.html>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

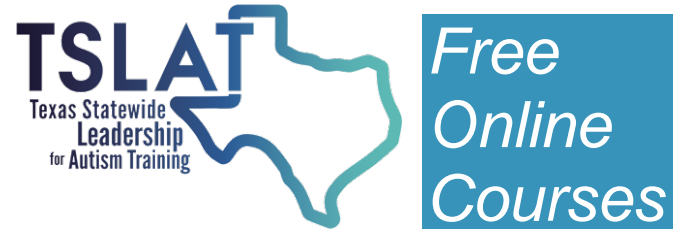
http://www.socialskillscentral.com/free/101_Ways_Teach_Children_Social_Skills.pdf

<http://www.paulakluth.com/readings/autism/article-autism-tenideas/>

https://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/family_services_docs/sk/Appendix.pdf



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE WEBINARS

These 28 webinars, created by the Autism Circuit, are 30-45 minutes in length covering information on evidence-based practices (EBPs) as identified by the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder.

<http://txautism.net/library/online-courses>

You will need to create a new account to register but you can select "other" for school district and school.



RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Everyday Classroom Strategies and Practices for Supporting Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders Paperback – July 24, 2013

by Jamie D. Bleiweiss PhD, Shirley Cohen PhD, Lauren Hough MsEd, [Kirsten McBride](#)



Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative's Assistive Technology Supports for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

This assistive technology (AT) guide is designed to help educators assess the impact of various items in the environment on their students with ASD and to support the exploration and use of other tools and strategies that may work more effectively for those students.

<http://www.wati.org/content/supports/free/pdf/ASDManual-1.pdf>