

HELPFUL AUTISM LINKS/RESOURCES FOR QUICK REFERENCE

Contact the N.I.A. Autism Loan Library for materials related to many of these items which may be checked out.

www.thenia.org

GENERAL RESOURCES

http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=10017&page=R1

Educating Children with Autism - National Research Council's publication of "best practice" – may be purchased as a book or accessed from this website.

www.nea.org/assets/docs/autismpuzzle.pdf

The Puzzle of Autism (N.E.A., A.S.A., A.S.H.A., N.A.S.P.)

Autism information guide: To help classroom teachers and related service providers work together to support academic achievement/social competence of students with autism.

Section 1: The Puzzle of Autism: What Educators Need to Know

Section 2: Features and Strategies for Intervention

Section 3: Communication

Section 4: Sensory Integration and Regulation

Section 5: Socialization/Social Skills

Section 6: Behavioral Issues

Section 7: Restricted Interests

Section 8: Future Directions/Research Areas

Section 9: Appendix

Section 10: Reference

www.autism-resources.com

Autism Resources – huge variety of autism resources

www.autismcommunityconnection.com

Autism Community Connection – 2nd largest YAHOO autism group in IL.

Resources, activities, family support, visual resource guide, checklists

www.asw4autism.org/Fact1.htm

Autism Society of Wisconsin - Comprehensive document, including information in Spanish.

www.asdatoz.com

Barbara Doyle's website – “Information on Autism” – variety of handouts and information about her book: Autism Spectrum Disorders from A to Z by Doyle and Iland (available in English and Spanish).

www.paulakluth.com

Paula Kluth's site dedicated to promoting inclusive schooling. Includes many easy to read/print articles by Kluth on a variety of topics.

<http://depts.washington.edu/pdacent/>

The PDA Center for Professional Development in Autism - Go to “Resources”, then “Tip Sheets” for helpful information. Site also includes information on additional interventions and other helpful information.

www.firstsigns.org

First Signs - site dedicated to the early identification/intervention of children with developmental delays and disorders. Includes many helpful resources including the “Autism A.L.A.R.M.” handout/screening guidelines.

www.polyxo.com

Resources for parents and professionals – encompasses a variety of instructional techniques/philosophies, data forms to print

www.theautismproject.com

www.theautismprogram.org

IL statewide networks of autism resources, services, papers on “Best Practice”

<http://members.aol.com/room5/welcome.html>

Classroom/home ideas, strategies, links, diagnostic criteria, tips for teaching

www.illinoisautismproject.org

Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project (2005) DVD - Click on the headings below to watch a brief preview of each topic. This DVD may be checked out from the N.I.A Autism Loan Library.

- The Facts about Autism in Our Schools and the Least Dangerous Assumption

http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title2.html

- Characteristics of Autism

http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title3.html

- Working with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (includes “Ten Guiding Principals”)

http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title4.html

- Building Friendships

http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title5.html

- Parent/Professional Teambuilding

http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title6.html

SITES OF INTEREST ON SPECIFIC A.S.D.-RELATED TOPICS

Asperger’s Syndrome

www.tonyattwood.com.au

Tony Attwood, author of books on this topic – information on friendships, emotions, homework and more

www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger

O.A.S.I.S. – Online Asperger Syndrome Information and Support

Bullying/Teasing

www.thegraycenter.org

Popular resources on this topic by Carol Gray

www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org

Resources from Minnesota’s Pacer Center

www.medhomeportal.org/file.cfm?file_id=630

Jocelyn Taylor, Education Specialist (Autism), Utah State Office of Education - Comprehensive resource on bullying

Communication

www.teacch.com/commincentives.html

Division TEACCH - Information on communication approaches

www.outersound.com/caferio/articles/10-07-1.htm

Joanne Cafiero - Article which overviews communication strategies including augmentative/alternative communication (A.A.C.)

www.pecs.com

Picture Exchange Communication System (P.E.C.S.) - Bondy and Frost

Family Support:

www.faaas.org

Families of Adults Affected by Asperger's Syndrome - General resources on this topic with the focus on adults

Safety:

www.autismriskmanagement.com

Dennis Debbaudt's site with information about safety/autism for law enforcement, first responders, parents, educators and caregivers

www.iltech.org

"Safety and Autism Spectrum Disorder – Empowering Children and Adults with Devices and Technology" DVD (Barbara Doyle)

Click on this link www.thenia.org/videos to preview the DVD which may be purchased from the Illinois Assistive Technology Program (I.A.T.P.) in Springfield, IL or checked out through N.I.A.'s Autism or Assistive Technology Loan Libraries.

Sensory

www.sensory-processing-disorder.com

Extensive resource for sensory processing disorder.

www.spdnetwork.org

Overview of sensory processing disorder - definitions, treatment and more

www.theraproducts.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=307760

Information about "sensory stories"

Social Skills

www.thegraycenter.org

The Gray Center (Michigan) - Information on "Social Stories" by Carol Gray

www.asperger.net/newsletter_dec01keeling.htm

Example of the "Power Card" technique

Structured Teaching

www.teacch.com

Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication-handicapped Children

Visual Supports

<http://trainland.tripod.com>

Go to “Favorite Links”. Scroll down to select “PECS pictures”. Then scroll ½ way down the page to the “PECS Pictures Pages”. Many other resources too!

www.do2learn.com

Do2Learn – picture cards, task sequences, activities, games and more!

www.google.com

Google Images – Click on the “images” tab. Type in the picture you are searching for. Caution: A variety of images will come up, so this is best for adult use only.

www.usevisualstrategies.com

Linda Hodgdon – Pictures, visual timers, homework information and more

ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES

www.autismillinois.org

Autism Society of Illinois: Services, Referral Listing (“Parents Resources”/resources)

www.autism-society.org

Autism Society of America: Resources including free downloads, “About Autism” resources, “Autism 101” online course (free)

www.theautismprogram.org

The Autism Program (T.A.P.) – Illinois’ statewide autism resources, services, papers on “Best Practice”. Directory is at this site or may be requested.

www.illinoisautismproject.org

Illinois Autism/P.D.D. Training and Technical Assistance Project – statewide effort with online coursework with partnership from Illinois State University, family support network, fact sheets, workshop information, lending libraries, resource teams and more.

www.littlefriendsinc.com

Little Friends, Naperville, IL - Ongoing workshop opportunities on a variety of topics. Go to “Little Friends Center for Autism” tab and then “Calendar”.

www.bi-county.org

Bi-County Special Education's website including their Autism Handbook.

www.asha.org

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association position statements on autism

www.asw4autism.org

Autism Society of Wisconsin – includes Spanish information

www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Speaks – treatment options, how to cope, research, family stories (“In Their Own Words”)

www.asw4autism.org/links.htm

LINKS – Main index from the Autism Society of WI

www.cureautismnow.org

Cure Autism Now Foundation: “Resources” section, diagnostic/treatment information, FAQs

www.il-rk.easterseals.com

Easter Seals of Rockford/Children's Development Center - Resources for parents, including SibShops

<http://depts.washington.edu/pdacent>

Professional Development in Autism center: Provides training and support for school districts, families and communities

BOOKS AND MATERIALS

www.thenia.org/downloads/TheNIAAutismResources.pdf

The N.I.A. Lending Library – hundreds of books, tapes, manuals, DVDs and other materials to loan at no charge for a two week period of time. Housed out of our Rockford (State Street) office, materials will be delivered to you and then returned via interschool/district methods. Families are welcome to borrow materials.

www.asperger.net

Autism Asperger Publishing Company

www.autismshop.com
Autism resource network

www.autismbooks.com

www.futurehorizons-autism.com
Future horizons. Also check for workshops.

QUICK REFERENCE SHEETS

By the N.I.A. Regional Training and Technical Assistance Team
(Marshall, Devine, Brennan)

Strategies and Interventions – General

Introduce Strategies *EARLY* for Children on the Autism Spectrum

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/IntroduceStrategiesEarlyforChildrenontheAutismSpectrum.pdf>

Visual Supports

Benefits of Using a Visual Schedule/Other Visual Supports

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/BenefitsofUsingaVisualSchedule.pdf>

Create Your Own Make-n-Take Station!

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/CreateYourOwn.pdf>

Do You Need Icons for Visual Supports?

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/IconsForVisualSupports.pdf>

How Does a Match Schedule Work?

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/MatchSchedule.pdf>

Make-n-Take 101

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/Make-n-Take101.pdf>

Make Your Very Own Make-n-Take Station!

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/MakeYourOwnMake-n-TakeStation.pdf>

Visual Support Examples

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/VisualSupportExamples.pdf>

Sensory Processing/Regulation

Proprioceptive System

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/ProprioceptiveSystem.pdf>

Tactile System

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/TactileSystem.pdf>

Vestibular System

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/VestibularSystem.pdf>

Communication

Picture Exchange Boxes

<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/PictureExchangeBoxes.pdf>

Work Systems

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<http://www.thenia.org/downloads/WorkSystems.pdf>

LOCAL WORKSHOPS/ONLINE COURSES

www.autism-society.org

Autism Society of America - “Autism 101” online course. No charge.

www.illinoisautismproject.org

Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project - Statewide effort which includes online coursework through Illinois State University – for credit or not

www.littlefriendsinc.com

Little Friends, Naperville – Private agency which provides workshops for siblings, toileting and much more. Go to “Calendar”. Diagnostic evaluations and a variety of services

www.thenia.org

Northwestern Illinois Association (N.I.A.) – Ten-county regional special education cooperative which annually offers a series of autism spectrum disorder workshops

Go to WEB CONNECTIONS on the N.I.A. website

www.thenia.org

for additional websites/resources