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
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/cafierno/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
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

Visual Supports
Benefits of Using a Visual Schedule/Other Visual Supports

Create Your Own Make-n-Take Station!
http://www.thenia.org/downloads/CreateYourOwn.pdf

Do You Need Icons for Visual Supports?

How Does a Match Schedule Work?

Make-n-Take 101

Make Your Very Own Make-n-Take Station!
http://www.thenia.org/downloads/MakeYourOwnMake-n-TakeStation.pdf

Visual Support Examples

Sensory Processing/Regulation
Proprioceptive System
http://www.thenia.org/downloads/ProprioceptiveSystem.pdf
Tactile System

Vestibular System

Communication
Picture Exchange Boxes

Work Systems
Work Systems

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