

## **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](http://www.thenia.org)

### **GENERAL RESOURCES**

[http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record\\_id=10017&page=R1](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/specialed/images/autismpuzzle.pdf](http://www.nea.org/specialed/images/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](http://www.autism-resources.com)

Autism Resources – huge variety of autism resources

[www.autismcommunityconnection.com](http://www.autismcommunityconnection.com)

Autism Community Connection – 2<sup>nd</sup> largest YAHOO autism group in IL.

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

[www.asw4autism.org/Fact1.htm](http://www.asw4autism.org/Fact1.htm)

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

[www.asdatoz.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.polyxo.com)

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

[www.theautismproject.com](http://www.theautismproject.com)

[www.theautismprogram.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title2.html)

- Characteristics of Autism

[http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP\\_Title3.html](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](http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title4.html)

- Building Friendships

[http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP\\_Title5.html](http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP_Title5.html)

- Parent/Professional Teambuilding

[http://www.thenia.org/videos/IAPDDTrainingandTAP\\_Title6.html](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](http://www.tonyattwood.com.au)

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

[www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger](http://www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger)

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

### **Bullying/Teasing**

[www.thegraycenter.org](http://www.thegraycenter.org)

Popular resources on this topic by Carol Gray

[www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org](http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org)

Resources from Minnesota’s Pacer Center

[www.medhomeportal.org/file.cfm?file\\_id=630](http://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](http://www.teacch.com/commincentives.html)

Division TEACCH - Information on communication approaches

[www.outersound.com/caferio/articles/10-07-1.htm](http://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](http://www.pecs.com)

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

### **Family Support:**

[www.faaas.org](http://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](http://www.autismriskmanagement.com)

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

[www.iltech.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.sensory-processing-disorder.com)

Extensive resource for sensory processing disorder.

[www.spdnetwork.org](http://www.spdnetwork.org)

Overview of sensory processing disorder - definitions, treatment and more

[www.theraproducts.com/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=307760](http://www.theraproducts.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=307760)

Information about "sensory stories"

### **Social Skills**

[www.thegraycenter.org](http://www.thegraycenter.org)

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

[www.asperger.net/newsletter\\_dec01keeling.htm](http://www.asperger.net/newsletter_dec01keeling.htm)

Example of the "Power Card" technique

### **Structured Teaching**

[www.teacch.com](http://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](http://www.do2learn.com)**

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

**[www.google.com](http://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](http://www.usevisualstrategies.com)**

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

## **ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES**

**[www.autismillinois.org](http://www.autismillinois.org)**

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

**[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)**

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

**[www.theautismprogram.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bi-county.org)

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

[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association position statements on autism

[www.asw4autism.org](http://www.asw4autism.org)

Autism Society of Wisconsin – includes Spanish information

[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

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

[www.asw4autism.org/links.htm](http://www.asw4autism.org/links.htm)

LINKS – Main index from the Autism Society of WI

[www.cureautismnow.org](http://www.cureautismnow.org)

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

[www.il-rk.easterseals.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.asperger.net)

Autism Asperger Publishing Company

[www.autismshop.com](http://www.autismshop.com)  
Autism resource network

[www.autismbooks.com](http://www.autismbooks.com)

[www.futurehorizons-autism.com](http://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](http://www.autism-society.org)**

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

### **[www.illinoisautismproject.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.thenia.org)**

**for additional websites/resources**