

Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social Communication Disorders

Brief Description:

Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder is characterized by persistent difficulties in the social use of verbal and nonverbal communication which results in functional limitations in effective communication, social participation, social relationships, academic achievement, and/or occupational performance.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is characterized by persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts and the severity is based on social communication impairments and restricted repetitive patterns of behavior.

How It Feels:

"Different Not Less," an animated interview on Asperger Syndrome

https://youtu.be/i67RHDvp_7c

The Chalkboard Experience: Autism Awareness

<https://youtu.be/p5zjfDeyEow>

Helpful Links:

- **Autism Response Team (ART)** through **Autism Speaks** are specially trained to connect people with autism, their families, and caregivers to information, tools, and resources.

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/tool-kits/100-day-kit/ten-things-ever-y-child-autism-wishes-you-knew>

- **The Autism Research Institute's** mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of people on the autism spectrum through research and the education of professionals, those who are affected, and their families.

https://www.autism.com/news_dsmV

- **Autism Speaks** is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/about-us>

- **Assistive Technology For Kansans** connects people with disabilities and health conditions of all ages with the assistive technology they need to learn, work, play and participate in community life safely and independently.

<http://atk.ku.edu/>

- **Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN)** provides technical assistance to support school districts' systematic implementation of evidence-based practices.

<https://ksdetasn.org/>

- **Understood's** goal is to help the millions of parents whose children, ages 3–20, are struggling with learning and attention issues. We want to empower them to understand their children's issues and relate to their experiences. With this knowledge, parents can make effective choices that propel their children from simply coping to truly thriving.

<https://www.understood.org/en/about/our-mission>

Resources Available At Our Center:

- SUPERFLEX Curriculum
- Michelle Garcia Winner Books and Curriculum
- Social Skill Books
- 5 Point Scale
- Zones of Regulation
- Point To Happy
- Thinking About You Thinking About Me
- Social Skill Lessons For Elementary Through High School
- Should I or Shouldn't I Social Skills Game

- Me and My World Social Skills Curriculum and Community Partnership For Schools Learning Game

Strategies for Teaching and Assistive Technology for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social Communication Disorders:

- 5 Video Simulations to Help You Experience Sensory Overload

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/news/news-item/5-video-simulations-help-you-experience-sensory-overload>

- **The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)** is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

- **Texas AT Network** provides a good overview to understand the basics of assistive technology.

<http://www.texasat.net/default.aspx?name=trainmod.consideration>

- **WATI** also provides a good overview to understand the basics of assistive technology for students.

<http://wati.org/>

- **Intervention Central** has a large number of free resources for reading interventions. Tools to generate fluency passages for Curriculum Based Assessment from any book. Great resources.

www.interventioncentral.org

- **The US Department of Education** (My Child's Special Needs section) provides links to Guides to the IEP Program, Family & Advocates Partnership for Education, Disability Discrimination information, and much more.

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/edpicks.jhtml?src=ln>

