



Autism Spectrum Disorder



Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a [developmental disability](#) that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. There is often nothing about how people with ASD look that sets them apart from other people, but people with ASD may communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways that are different from most other people. The learning, thinking, and problem-solving abilities of people with ASD can range from gifted to severely challenged. Some people with ASD need a lot of help in their daily lives; others need less. (Source: CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/facts.html>)

LOCAL RESOURCES

Parents' Place Family Resource & Empowerment Center
1500 S. Hyacinth, Suite B
West Covina, CA 91791
www.parentsplacefrc.com

The San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center
75 Rancho Camino Drive, Pomona, CA 91766
www.sgprc.org (909) 620-7722

UCLA Peers Program, (310) 267-3377
<https://www.semel.ucla.edu/peers>

STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WEBSITES

California Autism Professional Training And Information Network (CAPTAIN)
What is Evidenced Based-Practices? ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) <http://www.captain.ca.gov/>

Autism Society
<https://www.autism-society.org/>

Learn the Signs Act Early
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

Spark for Autism
<https://sparkforautism.org/portal/page/about-spark/>

Seeds of Partnership
<https://www.seedsofpartnership.org/>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/signs.html>

National Institute of Neurological Disorders
<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/Disorders/All-Disorders/Autism-Spectrum-Disorder-Information-Page>

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BOOKS AND DVDS

This is a sample of our bibliography. More books and DVDs are available at Parents' Place Family Resource and Empowerment Center.

BOOKS:

Different...Not Less – (Inspiring Stories of Achievement and Successful Employment from Adults with Autism, Asperger's, and ADHD) by Dr. Temple Grandin

The Out-of-Sync-Child- (Recognizing and coping with Sensory Processing Disorder) by Carol Stock Kranowitz, M.A.

DVDs:

Asperger's, Autism & Girls (Understanding & Appreciating the Female Perspective) presented by Dr. Tony Attwood, co-author of the best-selling CAT-Kit

Self-Help Skills for People with Autism

(A Systematic Teaching Approach) by Stephen R. Anderson, Ph.D., BCBA, Amy L. Jablonski, Psy.D., Marcus L. Thomeer, Ph.D., & Vicki Madaus Knapp, Ph.D., BCBA

Visual Supports for People with Autism -

(A Guide for Parents & Professionals) by Marlen J. Cohen, Ed.D., BCBA and Donna L. Sloan, M.A., BCBA

Autism and Me (Rory Hoy), Film
Producer/Director: Rory Hoy

Nightline: (Echoes of Autism): Brother's Keeper Produced by ABC News

HOW DOES UNDERSTANDING EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES HELP FAMILIES?

- Families are the experts on their own children and their participation in intervention planning is vital. However, identifying effective interventions can be challenging.
- Many people promoting interventions now use the phrase “evidence-based practice”—even when there is no scientifically sound research that supports their use. This can make it extremely difficult to know which interventions have research showing they are effective, and which do not
- Providing information, support, and resources help parents recognize evidence-based practices established through the National Autism Centers and the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder. This knowledge increases their capacity and confidence as partners with their children's service providers. (Source: [CAPTAIN](#))

If you have questions about Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental disabilities, please contact your local Family Resource Center. **Locator:** <https://frcnca.org/>

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