

Autism Spectrum Disorder Resources

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Autism Speaks www.autismspeaks.org

An advocacy organization founded in 2005 to bring awareness to Autism Spectrum Disorder, fund research, and ensure access to care and support for people with autism and their families.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Autism

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html

Website contains scientific articles, data and statistics, community reports, and other information related to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Mayo Clinic: Autism Spectrum Disorder <https://tinyurl.com/y77c95gn>

Uses very simple language to discuss symptoms, causes, diagnosis, and treatments of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Identifies potentially beneficial and dangerous alternative treatments for people with autism and offers coping strategies for family members.

MedlinePlus: Autism Spectrum Disorder <https://tinyurl.com/jlgz7z4>

Compiles information from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, and the Autism Society on topics ranging from genetics, diet, and living with Autism Spectrum Disorder throughout one's lifespan.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Autism Spectrum Disorder Fact Sheet <https://tinyurl.com/zexd424>

Features a list of research being conducted on Autism Spectrum Disorder and additional organizations who can provide information about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center <https://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/resources/autism/>

Provides printable toolkits, guides, and visual supports for families, caregivers, self-advocates, educators, and health care professionals. Some resources are available in Spanish.

Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities <https://wgodd.wyo.gov>

Appointed by the governor, this advocacy group of Wyoming citizens aims to promote choice, independence, and full inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities through projects, legislation, and state-specific resources.

SOCIAL NARRATIVE TEMPLATES AND IDEAS

Hands in Autism: Interdisciplinary Training and Resource Center

https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/pdf/HowTo_SocialNarratives.pdf

Libraries and Autism: We are Connected

<http://librariesandautism.org/newresources.htm>

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

<https://tinyurl.com/y65wupcn>

LIBRARY FOCUS

Libraries and Autism: We are Connected

www.librariesandautism.org

Aids library staff in assisting patrons with autism and their families through workshops, online resources, and a customer service tip sheet.

Project ENABLE

<https://projectenable.syr.edu/>

Provides free training and resources to library professionals who want to create inclusive and accessible libraries for all students.

Project PALS: Florida State University

<https://pals.cci.fsu.edu/>

Offers four free, self-paced online training modules covering topics specific to a library setting—environment, communication, and technology.