

Autism Team Presentations

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Introduction to Autism

This presentation defines autism and outlines the characteristics associated with autism spectrum disorders. Facts and figures such as prevalence and brain structure differences are discussed. An overview of the causes and “cures” is provided. Core deficits (communication, social, behavior and sensory) and their impact on students are identified. This presentation includes glimpses in the lives of people with autism and a poignant DVD.

Schedules

This presentation defines activity schedules and presents the rationale for their use with children on the autism spectrum. Types of activity schedules will be discussed and examples provided. The use of schedules as they relate to increasing the student’s independence, choice making, and social interactions will be discussed.

Communication and Autism

This workshop explores the reasons children communicate. Students on the autism spectrum may require different types of communication motivators. Communication strategies are identified. Ten tips for using alternative augmentative communication (AAC) tools are outlined. The presentation concludes with tips for communication partners.

Behavior and Autism: An Overview

This presentation defines autism and gives common behavior characteristics of students with autism. It discusses the need for and the steps involved in completing a functional behavior analysis. The presentation concludes with strategies to use to decrease inappropriate behaviors with this population.

Asperger’s Syndrome: What Teachers Need to Know

The “Asperger’s Syndrome Guide for Teachers” provides an overview of typical characteristics of children with Asperger’s, as well as descriptions of the common difficulties experienced by these students. Secondly, this presentation offers strategies for teachers and aides to implement if they have students with Asperger’s who are struggling in the classroom. The presentation wraps up by offering suggestions of ways teachers and aides can assist these students in building their social and life skills so they can better adapt to their differences.

Understanding the Sensory Needs for Students with Autism

This presentation defines sensory integration and its effects on students who are on the autism spectrum. Discussion of abnormal sensory reactions and classroom modifications regarding each of the senses is included. Sensory concepts in the classroom will also be discussed. This presentation includes a video regarding sensory activities that can be incorporated within the classroom.

Social Stories™ and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Overview of Components of Social Stories™

This presentation provides an informational overview of Carol Gray's Social Stories™. The power point includes background knowledge and preparation techniques that aid professionals in writing successful Social Stories™. Also included in the presentation are the ten defining criteria and guidelines used to write Social Stories™.

Becoming An Effective Paraprofessional: Specifically Related to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

This power point presentation helps to provide paraprofessionals with general and specific strategies to use with students on the Autism Spectrum. Examples include sequencing, providing visuals and schedules as well as academic, social, behavioral, and sensory strategies. The presentation begins with a brief overview of characteristics of students with ASD.

Understanding Autism

The peer presentation provides an interactive lesson for elementary and junior high age students to help them better understand autism. The presentation includes reading an age-appropriate book or showing a movie clip, followed by lecture and discussion with the students. This presentation may also be altered to be presented to high school students.

Structured Teaching

This power point presentation explains structured teaching and the four components involved in using this process. The components are physical structure, individual schedules, work systems, and routines and strategies. The Structured Teaching presentation also provides several examples and visuals for each of the four components.