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# **Autism Speaks Tool Kits**

# FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families of Young Children (Ages 0-4): A guide for the first 100 days following a diagnosis of autism. Also available in Spanish and other languages.

**First Concern to Action Tool Kit** Provides families having concerns about their child's development with resources and tools to guide them on the journey from first concern to action.

#### FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families of Young Children (Ages 5-13)

Individualized Education Program: Summary, Process and Practical Tips: Lays out steps to take through the IEP process and contains an IEP timeline.

**Leading the Way: Autism-Friendly Youth Organizations:**Better prepares community organizations to serve youth and families in the autism community.

**School Community Tool Kit:** Assists members of the school community in supporting students with autism.



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### FOR YOUNG ADULTS/ADULTS

### Is It Autism and If So, What Next? A Guide for Adults:

Provides information for young adults and adults who suspect they may have autism or have been recently diagnosed.

**Community-based Skills Assessment:** Assesses individual strengths and challenges to develop effective personalized transition plan.

**Employment Tool Kit:** Helps adults with autism research and find employment in the competitive labor market.

**Housing and Residential Supports Tool Kit:** Guides individuals and families as they identify and secure appropriate residential services.

# Postsecondary Educational Opportunities Guide:

Provides information about options available for individuals with autism after high school.

**Transition Tool Kit:** Guides families on the journey from adolescence to adulthood.

### **FOR ALL AGES**

**Advocacy Tool Kit:** Aims to help both individuals on the spectrum and families develop and use critical advocacy skills in order to achieve the best possible outcomes.

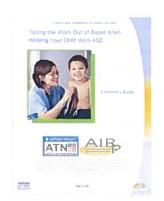
**Challenging Behaviors Tool Kit:** Gives families strategies, information, and resources on how to prevent and respond to challenging behaviors from their loved ones.

**Dental Tool Kit:** Information for dentists and families about making visits to the dentist more successful.

**Family Support Tool Kits:** Teaches grandparents, parents, siblings and friends more about autism and enables them to lead happy lives with their loved ones with autism.

**Special Needs Financial Planning Tool Kit:** Provides essential information and guidance to help families develop a plan for their children's financial futures.

**Tips for Successful Haircuts:** Information for stylists and families about making haircuts more successful.



# **AS-ATN/AIR-P Tool Kits**

The tool kits below are products of on-going activities of *Autism Speaks' Autism Treatment Network* (ATN) through its federal funding as the *Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health*.

# AUTISM AND MEDICATION: SAFE AND CAREFUL USE:

Created to help families work with their healthcare providers to make sure that medicine is taken safely and effectively.

**BLOOD DRAW TOOL KIT:** Contains tools to help you and your child prepare for future medical visits and reduce the stress that may come with blood draws.

# A CLINICIANS' GUIDE TO PROVIDING FEEDBACK TO

**FAMILIES:** Manual and videos designed to provide health care professionals with instructional support for leading a productive diagnostic feedback session.

**DENTAL PROFESSIONALS' TOOL KIT:** Provides information that helps dental professionals' better provide care or children with ASD.

**EEG GUIDES:** Provides information about the EEG procedure and how to help children with ASD successfully prepare for and complete an EEG.

**EXPLORING FEEDING BEHAVIOR IN AUTISM:** Helps parents and professionals better understand the "nuts and bolts" of feeding issues.

**GUIDE TO APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS:** Designed to provide a better understanding of ABA, how your child can benefit and where/how you can seek ABA services.

### MANAGING CONSTIPATION IN CHILDREN WITH AUTISM:

Provides strategies and resources for parents of children with autism who have problems with constipation and difficulties treating it.

### INTRODUCTION TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENTS:

Designed to provide parents of children with ASD with an overview of in-home strategies as well as tips to teach and increase desirable behaviors and decrease behavior problems.

**MEDICATION DECISION AID:** Helps you clarify your values and goals and then talk with your healthcare provider about the options, benefits, and possible downsides of medications.

### PICA GUIDES FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

Helps you better understand pica, its signs, symptoms and ways to treat and prevent it.

**PUBERTY AND ADOLESCENCE RESOURCE:** Provides guidance for parents on the subject of puberty that can be directly applied to pre-teens with ASD.

**SLEEP TOOL KIT:** Designed to provide strategies to improve sleep in their child affected by autism. Separate guide for sleep strategies specifically for teens available as well.

**TOILET TRAINING GUIDE:** Provides caregivers tips to increase toileting success by teaching toileting skills, providing advice on preparing schedules and routines and visual supports.

**TOOLS FOR SUCCESSFUL VISION EXAMS:** Video and teaching story to help prepare for trips to the eye doctor.

# VISUAL SUPPORTS AND AUTISM SPECTRUM

**DISORDER:** Provides a step-by-step, easy-to-understand introduction to visual supports and the ways that parents and other caregivers can begin using them.