

Recommended Reading

for parents of young children newly diagnosed
with or suspected of having an

Autism Spectrum Disorder

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If your young child displays behaviors that puzzle you, or does not seem to be developing the typical social skills for his or her age, the best thing to do is have a comprehensive evaluation by a professional. The “wait and see” approach often wastes time that could have been spent helping your child. Our Resource Directory lists doctors who can do a detailed assessment of your child’s development. In the meantime, you may find the following books informative:

Could It Be Autism? by Nancy Wiseman

Does My Child Have Autism? by Wendy L. Stone and Theresa Foy DiGeronimo

Pervasive Developmental Disorders: Finding a Diagnosis and Getting Help by Mitzi Waltz

After receiving a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) for your child, you naturally have many questions about what the diagnosis means and most likely feel some anxiety for what the future may hold, what to do next, and how to best help your child thrive. We are here to support you and help you find services in Southeastern Wisconsin for your child, you, and your family. We encourage you to educate yourself. Here are some books you may find useful:

1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Ellen Notbohm and Veronica Zysk

Autism: Facts and Strategies for Parents by Janice E. Janzen

Carly’s Voice by Arthur Fleischman and Carly Fleischman

Engaging Autism by Stanley I. Greenspan

The Everything Parent’s Guide to Children with Autism by Adelle Jameson Tilton

The First Year/Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Essential Guide for the Newly Diagnosed Child by Nancy D. Wiseman

Keys to Parenting the child with Autism by Marlene Targ Brill

My Child Has Autism: What Parents Need to Know by Clarissa Willis

Playing, Laughing and Learning with Children on the Autism Spectrum by Julia Moor

Practical Solutions by Judy Endow

Relationship Development Intervention with Young Children by Steven Gutstein and Rachelle K. Sheely

Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew by Ellen Notbohm

Thinking Person’s Guide to Autism by Rosa, Myers, Ditz, Willingham and Greenburg

Top Ten Tips: A Survival Guide for Families with Children on

It can be helpful to know that you’re not the only one dealing with this. Please join us at our next Morning Coffee Parent’s Support Group meeting. Also, here are some books written by other parents about their experiences that our staff have found insightful and encouraging:

The Accidental Teacher: Life Lessons From My Silent Son by Anne Lehman

The Autism Mom’s Survival Guide by Susan Senator

Facing Autism by Lynn Hamilton

Gravity Pulls You In: Perspectives on Parenting Children on the Autism Spectrum edited by Kyra Anderson & Vicki Foreman

Laughing and Loving With Autism, More Laughing and Loving With Autism, and Much More Laughing and Loving With Autism by Wayne R. Gilpin

Making Peace With Autism by Susan Senator

A Regular Guy: Growing Up With Autism by Laura Schumacher

The Siege: A Family’s Journey Into the World of an Autistic