

## Save the Date!

Para-educator Training:  
Supporting Students in the  
General Education Setting.  
10.31.14. Register on the  
Learning Campus.

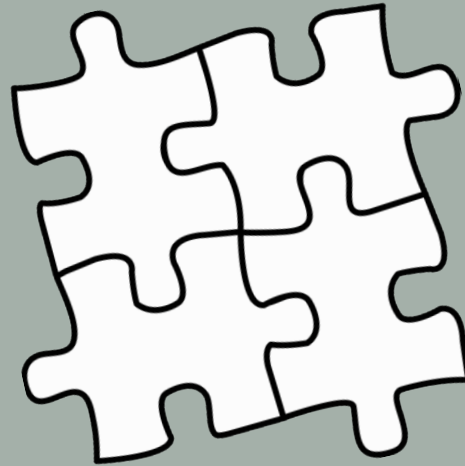
Para-Educator Autism Training  
Series. Starts 10.15.14. Register  
at CRP.

STAR Refresher Workshop.  
10.16.14. Register at CRP.

Communication Assessment.  
10.21.14. Register at CRP.

Understanding and Supporting  
HFA Students in General  
Education. 10.23.14. Register at  
CRP.

# PPS Autism Services



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## Online Resources

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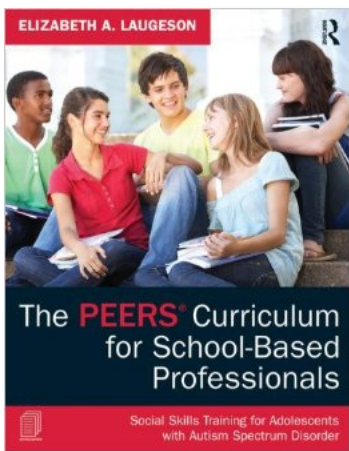
As we find ourselves digging into our trenches for the school year we recognize the extent of our work, the depth of the support we would like to provide and the challenges in finding the time to research, create and implement those strategies.

The autism team has compiled a list of some of our favorite online free resources. In this newsletter you will find websites and apps where you can download resources, find professional development and learn how others are supporting their wide range of students.

## Understanding Autism: A Guide for Secondary School Teachers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yAAOI6JU5M>

The first of four segments ("Characteristics") in Understanding Autism: A Guide for Secondary Teachers. The videos are designed to provide general education teachers with strategies for supporting their middle and high school students with autism.



## PEERS for Adolescents:

<http://www.semel.ucla.edu/peers/teens>

Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS®) is an evidence-based social skills intervention for motivated teens in middle school or high school who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends. During each group session teens are taught important social skills and are given the opportunity to practice these skills in session during real play activities (e.g. playing sports, board games, etc.).

## Do2Learn

<http://www.do2learn.com>

Do2learn is a website specifically designed for individuals with special needs.

- Thousands of free printable pages of supports, strategies, and activities
- Social skills and behavioral regulation activities and guidance
- Learning songs and games
- Communication cards
- Academic material, and transition guides for employment and life skills.



## Paper App

by FiftyThree



- A free drawing app for iPad and iPhone (offers in-app purchases)
- By using your finger as the pencil, you can easily make visuals for students in the moment
- Checklists, first/then, schedules, cartooning, a social support story, etc!
- You can also save your visuals to use at a another time!

**Jill Kuzma**

<http://jillkuzma.wordpress.com/>

This website has excellent ideas for educators supporting social/emotional language skills. Areas are broken into Perspective Taking Skills, Great Websites and Resources, Conversational Skills, Emotion Awareness and Management, Friendship Skills, Ideas for Teaching Executive Functioning Skills, Receptive and Expressive Language Ideas and Cooperative Group Game Ideas. This website also has YouTube Video Links for Social Skills along with IEP/Treatment Plan Objective Ideas. Jill Kuzma also has excellent resources on her "Pinterest Boards". Also check out the list of BLOGS that Jill follows for more ideas related to Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Autism Teaching Strategies**

<http://autismteachingstrategies.com>



This website offers social skills activities, learning games, PowerPoints and social skills worksheets for teaching children with autism. There are many free resources that can be downloaded and used with students. Site is developed by Joel Shaul and Rebecca Klaw.

**Pinterest**

<http://pinterest.com>

This website is free. Register to have a pinterest account or log in with your facebook account. There are great resources for a variety of issues related to autism. Ideas for categories to search for include social stories or social narratives, visual schedules, social-language videos and activities for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Boardmaker Share**

<https://br.boardmakershare.com>

Boardmaker Share is an online community where educators can share tools they have made using Boardmaker software. There are thousands of pre-made activities for use with students with special needs. There is information and activities for visual schedules, language literacy activities, songs, behavior management tools, to name just a few. To download and use activities from the site you need to have Boardmaker installed on your computer.

## Enhancing Instructional Contexts for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

<http://coeweb.gsu.edu/autism//Module.html>

The EIC\_ASD is an online tool to guide supports for students with ASD. It can be used to:


- Identify best practices in place for students with ASD
- Identify elements that need to be addressed to improve instructional context
- Helpful examples of each of the ratings on the rubric for each item. For the “Exemplary” items, users can also choose to look at examples across three age levels: early childhood, elementary, and middle/ high school

Insufficient ➔ Emerging ➔ **Exemplary**

### Physical Structure

- Classroom areas are clearly defined (e. g., taped demarcations, signs, desk & table arrangement) and readily apparent upon entry to room.
- Environment maximizes student focus through arrangement which emphasizes instructional or leisure purpose and cues expected behavior.
- Spacing is appropriate for individual student's needs (teacher and peer proximity) and instructional task.

**Examples**



More Info << 1 of 3 >>

Early Childhood	Elementary	Middle & High School
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## The Autism Internet Modules (AIM)

<http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/>

The Autism Internet Modules are designed to provide high-quality information and professional development for anyone who supports, instructs, works with, or lives with someone with autism. Each module guides you through case studies, instructional videos, pre- and post-assessments, a glossary, and much more. AIM modules are available at no cost. If you would like to receive credit for your time on AIM, certificate and credit options are available for a fee. Module topics include:

- Functional Communication
- Social Narratives
- Self-Management
- Structured Teaching
- Peer Mediated Interventions
- Customized Employment
- Parent Implemented Intervention



... And so much more ...