

Interventions and Therapies

Early Intervention and Identification Services (EIIS)(Western Region).

EIIS services children from 0-6 with autism in Nova Scotia. This excellent page, produced by the Western Region of EIIS, introduces the service delivery model of EIIS (including how to get a referral), gives an overview of ASD, a section for service providers, and a 150 page parent resource manual. Some of the resources are specific to the Western Region, but a lot of this information is applicable to parents around Nova Scotia.

<http://eiiswest.nsnet.org/>

Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech - Locations

This link brings you a map of Nova Scotia with locations for all the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Clinics in the province. To find the contact information for the community nearest you, click on the yellow dot next to the place name.

<http://www.nshsc.ns.ca/findus.html>

Treatment Options - Autism Society of America

This article gives an excellent, non-biased introduction to various treatment options for Autism, including behavioral interventions, educational approaches and complimentary therapies (scroll down to the bottom of the page to link to each section). This also has a useful section for parents on how to evaluate approaches, including guidelines parents can use when trying to decide between treatment approaches.

<http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TreatmentOptions>

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and Autism

This page is produced by the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies in Massachusetts. This informative page has a good introduction to ABA, guidelines for selecting a therapist, how to evaluate programming and more. This is an informative page parents, educators, and for those who are considering a career as a behavior analyst.

http://www.behavior.org/autism/autism_ABA_autism.cfm

TEACCH

"Teacch" stands for the Treatment and Education of Autistic and Communication-related handicapped CHildren, and is a therapy/educational approach to helping children with autism pioneered at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Click on "Educational Approaches" and "Communication Approaches" on the left-hand side of the page to access some of the more valuable content on the site.

<http://www.teacch.com/teacch.htm>

Pyramid Educational Products, Inc. (PECS)

A commercial site, but contains good information about PECS, the picture exchange communication system used throughout schools and in the homes of people with autism.

<http://www.pecs.com>

'Leaky Gut' and the Gluten- / Casein-Free Diet

From the Center for Autism Research, founded by Bernard Rimland. This is a straightforward explanation of the theory surrounding the implementation of the gluten- free, casein-free diet.

<http://www.autism.org/leakygut.html>