

Adolescent & Adult Issues

Socio-sexual development of people with autism

This is a very informative article for parents, educators, health professionals and others who work with individuals with ASD. It focuses on some of the issues puberty and sexual development brings for the adolescent with ASD. This includes a snapshot of the developmental stages - cognitive, physical, social and sexual - of the ASD adolescent, the dynamics of peer groups, and an overview training methods for appropriate socio- sexual behaviour. From the National Autistic Society in the U.K.

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=114&a=2187>

The Menstruation Story

This social story, complete with large text and boardmaker symbols, outlines the cycle of menstruation and the hygiene associated with this physical aspect of becoming a woman. A great tool for parents and educators. This is a two page story, so you will need to click on both links to get the entire story.

Page 1: <http://members.cox.net/tinsnips/Media/menstruation1.pdf>

Page 2: <http://members.cox.net/tinsnips/Media/menstruation2.pdf>

Adolescents and Adults with Autism: A study of family caregiving

This is the report of a study produced by the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The project is due to make its final report in August 2004. The study deals with issues surrounding care issues of the ASD adult and their family. In particular, how families can secure a good quality of life and a secure future for their ASD child are two of the questions this study focused upon. The study has produced five reports to date, including profiles of adolescents and adults with autism, adult siblings, and family accommodations.

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/family/autism.html>

Mission Possible

Mission Possible is a Canadian enterprise that helps persons with Asperger Syndrome to brush up on social skills, hone talents and help them find meaningful employment. Mission Possible is a commercial site based in Ontario, but has some great information for adults with Asperger Syndrome who need some advice on finding employment, and information for employers on the benefits of hiring a person with Asperger Syndrome, and appropriate tasks and duties that suit these employees.

<http://www.anythingispossible.ca/home.htm>