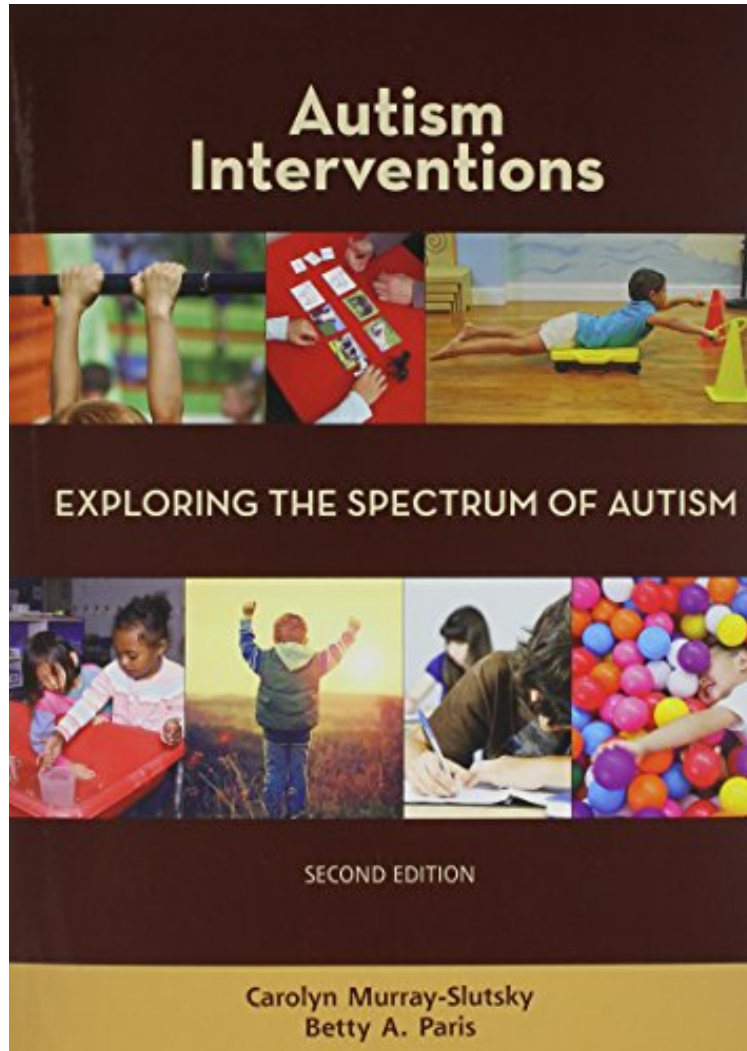


# Autism Interventions: Exploring the Spectrum of Autism

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The absolute best!By Stacey M. NalleyI have an eight year old autistic daughter who needs a lot of help. Her occupational therapist started letting me review her copy of this book as they conducted her therapy. The information was so valuable and useful that I had to buy it for myself. I have so many books on autism, but they do not compare with this one. It is chock full of ideas from everything for encouraging

speech to initiating a quality sensory diet and what to include in a sensory room and bedroom. I highly recommend it for parents with autistic children who suffer from severe sensory processing disorder. Buy this book! You most likely won't even need another!

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. is a great resource for anyone working with an individual with and ...By RONI CASSERAutism Interventions ndash; Exploring the Spectrum of Autism, 2nd Ed. (2014) by authors Carolyn Murray-Slutsky and Betty Paris, is a great resource for anyone working with an individual with and Autism Spectrum Disorder. This 540 page book is a full of information on a variety of topics that are commonly encountered by anyone attempting to address the challenges in teaching someone with Autism: parents and families, therapists, teachers, behavioralists!The book includes chapters by many of the leaders in research, education, behavioral intervention and treatment. Topics include recent changes in diagnosis and neurodevelopmental aspects of the disorder that can be addressed in order to alter the course across the lifespan, improve engagement and successful interactions. The focus of this invaluable tool is treatment and solutions to the most common issues encountered. Problems are identified and explained and treatment specifics covered in detail, replete with pictures to ensure that the reader knows what to look for and how to deal with it.Chapters discuss research related to the high incidence of sensory integration issues encountered, describing each of the sensory issues in a clear and easy-to-understand format. Solutions are offered through intervention chapters directed at each of the different types of sensory issues: Sensory Modulation Disorder with Over Responsivity, Under Responsivity or Sensory Seeking or Craving; Sensory Discrimination Disorders; Difficulty with Praxis/ Motor Planning and Oral Motor and Feeding Issues that are sensory-based. Behaviors and characteristics of each problem are identified as well as step by step methods of directly addressing each of the difficulties encountered.Another common issue in individuals with an ASD are motor control and coordination, which affect development of play skills, functional skills like self care and dressing, affects academic performance in the school-aged child and work performance in the older person. Specific and common difficulties are explained with pictures and intervention strategies outlined with how to develop skills using specific equipment. Nowhere else can you find this information! It is clearly outlined and depicted making intervention easy to understand.Three chapters are dedicated to Behavioral Issues seen, the common reasons for the behaviors, and how to manage them. Behaviors discussed in depth are Obtaining and Avoiding Behaviors; Repetitive and Restrictive, Self Stimulation and other challenging behaviors. Success in dealing with unwanted and challenging behavior depends upon correct identification of the function of the behavior and knowing what to do about the behavior. This book does a great job of explaining behaviors: their cause(s), the expression of what underlies the behavior(s), and what to do about them. The information is organized in practical, easy-to-implement, successful methods.Speech and Language Pathologists have dedicated two chapters to improving communication, a core feature in Autism Spectrum Disorder. Assessment is outlined, but the focus on intervention so that the problems can be addressed and communication developed. The "How and Why" of augmentative alternatives are outlined for those struggling with language and communication difficulties.Development of Social and play skills are also addressed. Early play and how it changes as the child typically matures into adolescence is explained with concrete suggestions for developing play and social interaction in individuals who have difficulty with these skills, no matter what their age or level of function in these areas.Finally, in this holistic text is the topic of Academic success and skill development. Foundational needs, Hidden Curriculum, Theory of Mind and Problem Solving and Decision Making are covered. This chapter is loaded with practical, easy-to-implement strategies to make the learning easier and more enjoyable.I can't tell you how informative this book is and how valuable the information is. You MUST see for yourself! I have found no other resource that outlines the issues and gives concrete and practical strategies to use in changing the skill level, performance and behavioral response of someone with an ASD.RONI CASSER MS OTR/L7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A MUST-HAVE for parents!!By MaryJo McCarthyAutism Interventions ndash; Exploring the Spectrum of Autism, 2nd Ed. (2014) by Carolyn Murray-Slutsky and Betty Paris, is a wonderful resource for parents with a child on the Autism Spectrum. Parents who are desperately trying to educate themselves as quickly as possible will find this book full of information on a variety of topics including occupational therapy, speech therapy and physical therapy, as well as behavioral intervention for challenging behaviors.This book explains every aspect of the Disorder including the diagnosis, the sensory issues that so many of our children have and therapies that can help, neurodevelopmental challenges, methods to help improve the development of fine and gross motor skills, communication challenges, how to overcome feeding issues, and suggestions for improving socialization and school performance. It is very easy to understand, and treatment suggestions are outlined in detail. I love the pictures that accompany the text. The book also describes common behaviors, their causes and specifics on how to manage them and change the behavior. I highly recommend this book to any parent with a child on the autism spectrum.

Autism Interventions provides the most current assessment and intervention techniques, based on best practice and up-to-date research, for children on the Autism Spectrum. This practical and valuable tool offers holistic, dynamic, and effective intervention strategies and treatment plans to improve the functioning of individuals with autism. Written by highly acclaimed occupational, physical and speech language therapists, researchers, and educational and behavioral specialists, it is a valuable text and clinical reference for all parents and professionals working with children

with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Therapists, teachers, psychologists, other professionals and parents, will find it easy to read and loaded with valuable treatment techniques: Sensory Processing chapters dedicated to sensory issues in autism and their impact on skill development, function, interaction and engagement. Included are modulation disorders, sensory discrimination disorders, postural disorders and dyspraxia; and resulting problems and their interventions. Communication strategies including interventions to foster speech and communication; empowering the child to interact with others; develop social skills and friendships. Motor control, coordination and motor planning . chapters aimed at developing ever increasing skills to aid in the acquisition of functional skills required for self-care; independence within the classroom and educational environment; and engagement in leisure time activities. Oral-motor and feeding issues commonly seen with children with an ASD are addressed within a separate chapter and include extensive intervention strategies. Behavioral strategies . aimed at analyzing the function the behavior serves, facilitating positive outcomes and managing challenging behaviors across all environments. Educational strategies . addresses the foundational needs of the student with an ASD. Provided are the latest educational strategies,