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Workshops and webinars for educators

Since 2011, I have provided dozens of professional development presentations in the United States and Europe.

On the following several pages are some samples of course descriptions. Depending on the needs of your organization, I am able to vary the length of events from ninety minutes to two entire days, and I have some flexibility to generate new content.

Feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions you may have regarding in-service events hosted by your organization.

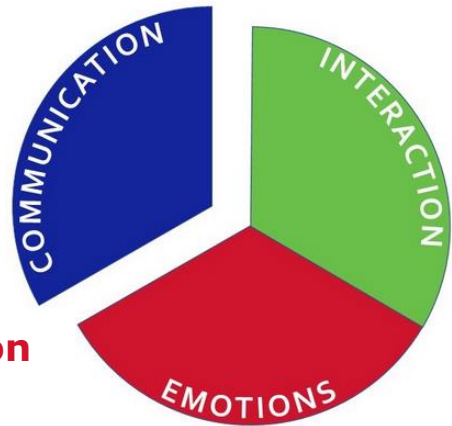
Kind regards,

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Lessons, games and activities to address social **communication** challenges in autistic students



Teachers, school-based specialists and paraprofessionals all want to do whatever they can to help autistic students struggling with social communication issues such as conversation and navigating personal space. Children and teens on the spectrum have so many issues to address that it can be hard to pull together effective, engaging and targeted lessons and activities.

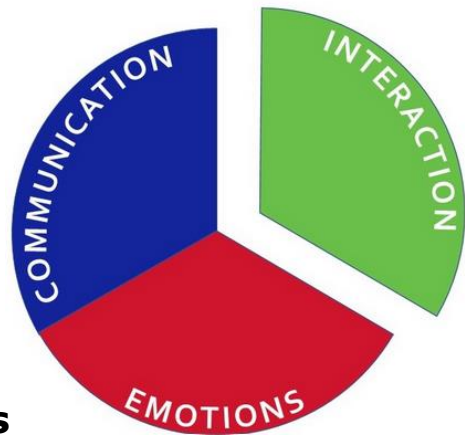
This workshop provides educators with a large number of free, downloadable resources (worksheets; screen-based, illustrated presentations; drawing sheets; games; wall displays) to help students with autism to have reciprocal conversation and improve nonverbal communication. During the workshop, a number of these methods will be clearly demonstrated. Featured resources include: [Venn-diagram sheets to teach “common ground” in conversation](#); [conversation practice activities based on the parts of a train](#); [fill-in-the-brain sheets to help children identify others’ interests](#); [illustrated prompts & wall display for listening skills](#); [screen-based, illustrated book on personal space](#).

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Lessons, games and activities to address social **interaction** challenges in autistic students



In so many ways, teachers, school-based specialists and paraprofessionals help students with ASD to navigate the many challenges they encounter in their social worlds. It can be very hard to pull together specifically targeted lessons and activities to address these many needs.

This workshop provides educators with a large number of free downloadable resources (worksheets, screen-based, illustrated presentations, drawing sheets, games, wall displays) to help students with autism to cope with a number of social interaction challenges. Featured resources include: [drawing activities to promote cooperation](#); [games to increase awareness of how to play with others](#); [DIY "meters" to monitor problem conduct](#); [worksheets and a game to troubleshoot social isolation](#); game-like materials to increase awareness of [tattling](#), [teasing](#), [rigidity](#), [romantic attraction](#); [Growing Friendship Cards](#) to explore how to "grow" friendships; numerous activities for teens & young adults on [adult maturity issues](#) and [employment preparation](#). During the workshop, these resources are clearly explained and demonstrated.

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Lessons, games and activities to address **emotional regulation** challenges in autistic students



Students on the autistic spectrum often experience special problems with anxiety, sadness, anger and other difficult emotions. School personnel can find it hard to pull together engaging lessons and activities to help children and teens on the spectrum understanding and regulating emotions.

This workshop provides educators with a large number of free, downloadable resources (worksheets, screen-based, illustrated presentations, drawing sheets, games, wall displays) to help students with autism to promote emotional coping skills. Featured resources include: [Anime Emotion Coloring Sheets](#), [Emotion Word Cards](#) and [Emotion Paper Fortune Tellers](#) for exploring a range of emotions; [Emotion Thermometers](#) for exploring ways to calm down; [Remote Self-Controls](#) and [DIY Meters](#) to monitor progress on specific conducts; [Filter the Anger kit](#) to explore “filtering” problematic verbal outbursts; and [CBT Activities](#) for school-based mental health specialists.

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