

ASD Paraprofessional Development Resources

No-Cost Online Training Resources

For MN Paraprofessionals Working with Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Related Needs. *Compiled by the MN Low Incidence Projects.*

- May 2020 Paraprofessional Webinar Recordings:
 - [Building Independence in Students with Special Needs in the Educational Environment](#) (9 GB size) May 14, 2020
Facilitator: Tami Childs. Presenter: Tracy Templeton, MA
 - [Him/Her OR Me? How do I Deal with Behavior Issues?](#) (16 GB size) May 21, 2020
Facilitator: Tami Childs. Presenter: Deb West, M.S.
 - [Using Accommodations & Modifications to Increase Success for Students with Special Needs](#) (14 GB size) May 28, 2020
Facilitator: Tami Childs. Presenter: Samantha Jung, M.S.

- [Many Faces of Autism Course](#)

90 minutes length video presentation. Requires you to sign up for account but is free.

Certificate of Attendance available at no cost.

From Strategies in Action – OCALI

This introductory module presents information about unique characteristics of autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Five simple strategies are introduced that may be used anytime, anywhere with young children, students, and adults with ASD.

- [AFIRM Module: Introduction to ASD](#)

2-3 hours length video presentation. Module with video and text. Requires you to sign up for account but is free.

From AFIRM

This is a newly developed Introduction to Autism Module that provides evidence-based information about characteristics of ASD, how to support learners with ASD, and activity-based scenarios that promote real-world application.

- [Autism Internet Modules \(AIM\)](#)

Modules range from .5 to 3 hours length module with video and text. Requires you to sign up for account but is free. Pre and Post Assessment. Certificate of Attendance available at no cost.

From AIM – OCALI

This site has over 40 different free modules that are based on evidence-based strategies for children with ASD. The following modules are recommended as prerequisites to other modules: Visual Supports, Home Base, Structured Work Systems & Activity Organization, Using Special Interests in the Classroom, Overview of Social Skills Functioning and Programming, Reinforcement, and Prompting.

- [Autism Spectrum Disorder \(Part 1\) An Overview for Educators](#)

2 hours length module with video and text. Requires you to sign up for account but is free.

From IRIS- Vanderbilt

This module provides information on the early signs of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), as well as an overview of the difference between a medical diagnosis and an educational determination of ASD.

- [Accommodations: Instructional and Testing Supports for Students with Disabilities](#)

2 hours length module with video and text. Requires you to sign up for account but is free.

From IRIS- Vanderbilt

This module explains how accommodations differ from other kinds of instructional adaptations.

- [The World Needs All Kinds of Minds](#)

20 minutes length Ted Talk Video on Youtube.com.

Temple Grandin Ted Talk

- [Temple Grandin](#)

2 hours length movie. Watch on Prime Video. ([Read Transcript](#))

This biopic tells the story of Temple Grandin, who is autistic, who has become a leading activist in both autism advocacy and the humane treatment of animals. (TV-PG).

- [Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime](#)

Read online Book. ([Download Handout](#))

Fiction Book

This is a book about a fictional character with ASD. Readers can gain insight into possible characteristics of ASD.

Note: The resources listed above link to "external websites" which may not be accessible for some viewers, screen readers and other assistive technology devices. If you need assistance, please email the "Contact Information" person listed at the bottom of this page.