




# Secondary Students with ASD

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## Secondary Students:






Providing a Comprehensive Curriculum for Our Transitioning Students

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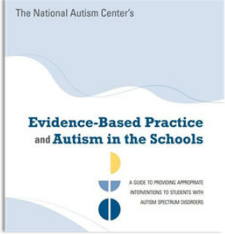



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## Agenda

-  **Research**
-  Effective Teaching Strategies
-  Links Curriculum
-  Resources, Planning and Visuals
-  Demo

## Practical Solutions for Organizations to Increase Their Capacity to Implement Evidence-based Practices and Improve Student Outcomes.






Look to the Future      Evidence-Based Practices      Teachers Need Tools

## Look to the Future

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for individuals with disabilities is **78.5%**.

Reports from the National Center for Educational Statistics and the Department of Education show that only **43%** of people with disabilities will graduate high school with a diploma.



- March 20, 2013  
Autism Society of America Newsletter

## Evidence-Based Practices

**NATIONAL STANDARDS REPORT**

Approximately **91%** of all established treatments for children with autism were developed from the behavioral literature.

The pattern of findings suggests that treatments from the **behavioral literature** have the **strongest research support**.






**Comprehensive behavioral packages** have the most evidence.






[www.nationalautismcenter.org](http://www.nationalautismcenter.org)

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## Ideas and Suggestions

-  What to Teach
-  How to Teach
-  Where to Teach


## What to Teach

Routines and skills needed to participate in typical student activities




## How to Teach

- Teaching through routines using a task analysis system
- Direct Instruction Strategies including:
  - Discrete Trial Training
  - Simulations
  - Video Modeling
  - Peer Mediated Instruction



## Where to Teach





School                      Community                      Vocational

# Focus and Content of Instruction

## FOCUS

- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Self-determination
- ✓ Functional and generalized skills
- ✓ Strength-based curriculum
- ✓ Post-secondary transition
- ✓ Employability

## CONTENT

- ✓ Expressive/Receptive language
- ✓ Academics in the context of daily life routines
- ✓ Social communication
- ✓ Complex vocational tasks
- ✓ Functional daily routines

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Research



Effective Teaching Strategies



*Links Curriculum*



Resources, Planning and Visuals



Demo

# Links Curriculum

## Tools for Teachers

- Consistent strategies for staff and students
- Visual supports
- Small group activities
- Lesson plans and progress monitoring
- Online assessment tool
- Individualized task analysis development
- IEP goal bank and skills related to Common Core State Standards



# Features of Links

## Lesson Assessments

STUDENT	INITIAL ASSESSMENT	LATEST ASSESSMENT	% CHANGE	SUGGESTED LESSONS
Ralph (R29155)	126 / 1022   12.33% 2019-08-30	131 / 1022   13% 2019-08-30	4% from initial	4:05:19:22

MAKING A PHONE CALL FOR SAFETY

Find phone

Links\*\* International Data From Internationalizing by Thea...

Essential

# Links Curriculum

## Instructional Components

### ROUTINES

- Activities students engage in throughout the day
- Assessment of routines provides content of "what to teach"
- Instruction on/within routines teaches independence

### LESSONS

- Foundational skills needed to perform routines independently
- Provide instructional plans to break down skills

# Types of Routines

Routine instruction can span a wide range of learner needs

- **Students with more significant needs**
  - Daily living skills, self-care, social skills, academics
- **Students needing supports to access the general education curriculum**
  - Work completion, organizational skills, transitioning throughout the school, social skills, generalizing academic skills during daily school activities
- **Students transitioning to post-secondary settings**
  - Interviewing for a job, money use, social skills

## Example of Links Instruction:

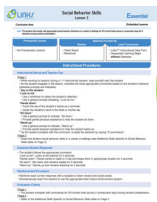


School Job Routine: Recycling

## Observed Routine Assessment (ORA)

		LINKS INDEPENDENCE SCORING SCALE					
		0	1	2	3	4	N/A
<b>Observed Routine Assessment:</b>		Does not complete with any form of prompting	Continuous Physical	Intermittent Physical	Gesture, visual, or verbal prompt	Independent	Not applicable
<b>Classroom Job</b>							
<b>Cue Set:</b>							
#	CUE	EXPECTED BEHAVIOR	DATE AND SCORES				LESSON
			9/15/18				
1	D: Say "check your schedule and go to your next activity"	Student responds to cue indicating it is time for a classroom job	3				D: 143, 93, 137, 140, 153
2	D: Part of previous cue.	Student checks schedule to identify job	3				D:
3	D: The student's schedule provides a natural cue	Student moves toward job	3				D: 140, 137, 138, 153
4	D: The activity listed on the schedule provides a natural cue	Student locates needed materials	3				D: 140, 137, 138
5	D: The activity listed on the schedule provides a natural cue	Student obtains needed materials	3				D: 140, 137, 138

### LESSONS



**Routine Pre-Teaching Activities and Materials**  
(e.g. simulations, small group activities, visual supports, etc.)

### ROUTINES



## Example of Links Instruction:



Understanding Sight Words on a Daily Schedule

## Purchasing an Item

### Routine



### Lessons



## Links 2.0







# Independent Work



### Job Bingo



Vacuum	Garbage Can	Spray Cleaner	Towel
Mop	Mop	Washing Can	Wiper
Plants	Pencil	Pencil Sharpener	Recycling
Car	Wine Bottle	Cash Register	Coffee



### Independent Work: Addition - Jobs

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**  
Count the jobs and add the numbers.

1.  +  = \_\_\_\_\_

2.  +  = \_\_\_\_\_

3.  +  = \_\_\_\_\_

# Independent Work

**Instructions:**  
Read each sentence. Find the matching word in the boxes and circle the word in the sentence.

menu	booth	waiter	server	tray
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A **server** brings my food to the table.

The menu has a lot of food options.

Eating at a restaurant costs money.

I put my tray away when I'm finished eating.

I like sitting in a booth.

**Instructions:**  
Read the sentence. Draw the hour and minute hands on the clock.

1. At 9:00, I'm going to Plaza Hu\*

2. Subway\* serves lunch after 11:00.

3. At 4:00, let's meet at Starbucks\*.






4. Wendy's\* stays open until 12:00.

# Looking to the Future



**LINKS Routine**  
Interviewing for a job

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# Preview Links 2.0

<https://starautismsupport.com/links-preview-sign>

**Links Preview Sign Up**

Name:

**Links Preview Sign Up**

Contact Information

Please enter your contact information below.

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Title

Organization \*

Address \*

City \*

State \*

Zip \*

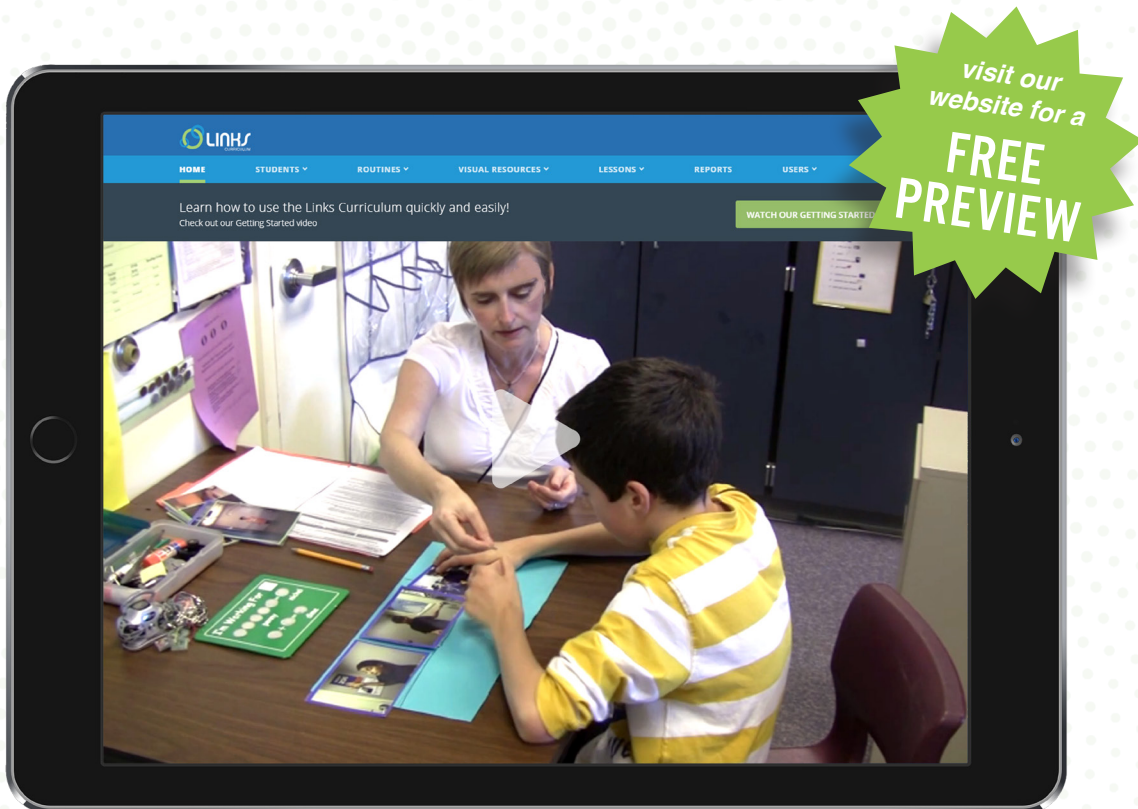


Learn more:

<https://links.starautismsupport.com>  
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The Links® Curriculum integrates assessment, instruction, and reporting features that are tailored to students learning independence in daily routines. Links routines are embedded within school and community contexts. Fundamental skills are taught using evidence-based practices. Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disabilities may particularly benefit from the Links Curriculum.



### Assessment

Targeted and global technology for assessing both skills and routines



### Evidence-Based Instruction

Lesson plans for group, independent, and simulation coursework



### Progress Monitoring

Aggregate reporting across students, classrooms, and districts



### Visual Supports

A multimedia library with 1,000+ original images



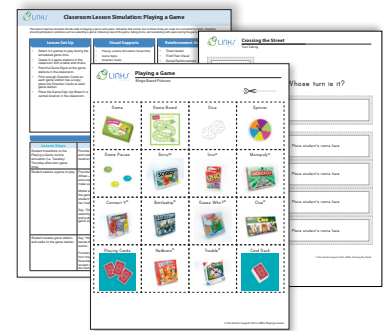
# ASSESSMENT/PROGRESS MONITORING

- ★ Conduct targeted and global skill assessments to identify lessons for instruction and monitor progress on IEPs and other goals
- ★ Ensure generalization of skills through both routine and skill-based assessment
- ★ Instant progress monitoring and reporting to be shared with staff, administrators, and parents
- ★ Aggregate reporting across students, classrooms, and districts
- ★ Suggested IEP goals aligned with state standards



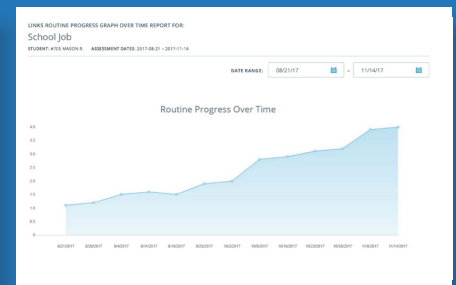
# INSTRUCTION

- ★ Comprehensive lesson plans, including group and simulation lessons utilizing the latest evidence-based strategies
- ★ Academic, skill, and routine instruction
- ★ Extensive visual supports and independent work activities
- ★ 150+ lessons across essential, intermediate, advanced, and traditional levels



# ROUTINES

- ★ The Links Curriculum includes routines to increase independence in school and community settings and are customizable to students' needs
- ★ 53 school and community routines
- ★ Custom routine options:
  - Individualize a standard routine
  - Create your own routine
  - Revise a routine you've created



# RESEARCH

The Links Curriculum integrates recommendations for best practices from research on effective instruction for secondary students with developmental disabilities including autism.

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