

Promoting Communication

One of the main signs of autism is having difficulties in the area of communication. The inability to communicate properly is a particularly inhibiting aspect of autism, and often the one that first causes concern. Not all affected children have language problems; however, the majority has difficulty using language effectively, especially when they talk to other people. Many have problems with the meaning and rhythm of words and sentences and also may be unable to understand body language and the subtle differences of vocal tones.

Teaching children with autism to communicate is essential in helping them reach their full potential. Parents, family members and anyone who spends time with the child should be involved in encouraging and assisting language development so that it will become part of the child's daily life.

Learning to communicate is a one-day training course that aims to promote an awareness of how individuals can promote communication with an individual with autism. It provides information on; procedures for encouraging communication, how you can plan opportunities and utilize the child's natural environment, daily routines and family time to promote communication.

Level

Individuals are not required to have had any previous knowledge in this area. The course is intended for those with little or no prior training in autism.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding communication
- The importance of teaching communication skills
- Strategies and approaches to teaching communication skills
- Creating learning opportunities for communication skills
- Documenting and recording progress

Costs

Upon request.