

April is Autism Awareness Month

What could happen if we all reach out together during April? Progress in practice demands knowledge, skill and a willingness to act on what we learn. When we think about serving individuals on the autism spectrum, we know that we have many gaps.

Hoping to lessen some of the gaps, the organizations of the IDEA Partnership are sharing tools for your use during Autism Awareness Month. These tools were developed with participation by a variety of stakeholders and vetted by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

NASP is a lead partner organization in the IDEA Partnership, a community of more than 50 national organizations that work together on major educational issues. The Partnership is funded by OSEP and sponsored by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE).

During April's Autism Awareness Month the IDEA Partnership is seeking to raise public awareness and provide information through all avenues possible. School psychologists can contribute to this campaign by utilizing and sharing the ready-to-use materials in the IDEA Partnership's <u>Collection</u> on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Related NASP Resources

Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Community

Helping Children at Home and School III: Handouts for Families and Educators, available through NASP Publications:

- Asperger Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Educators
- Asperger Syndrome: Social Skills Intervention
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: Identification and Diagnosis

<u>Autism Spectrum Disorders: Intervention Options for Parents and Educators</u>

Autism Speaks Club for Students: Expanding Your Role to Create a Difference