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Crafting Connections: Contemporary Applied Behavior Analysis For Enriching The Social Lives Of Persons With Autism Spectrum Disorder



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This is a terrific addition to the information available on how to teach social skills. The authors have outlined ways to teach critically important skills in social awareness, social communication, social interaction, social learning, and social relatedness. They outline sub-skills, prerequisites, and methods of instruction for each area in a methodical, easy to read, logical, and elegant manner. One of the many strengths of this book is the ways in which different threads of the curriculum are emphasized and interwoven. This book is very thorough, and approached these skills with programming that is both broad and deep. It is a very practical book as well, addressing real world issues such as teasing and bullying, conversational development, and social comprehension. In general, this book outlines skill development in clear and behavioral frameworks, and provides parents and teachers with a wealth of information regarding goals and strategies. Most individuals with ASD's have substantial social challenges. Many receive good and thorough intervention in many areas of the curriculum, but few receive excellent instructions in social skills. This book will increase the quality of social skill instruction offered to learners on the spectrum. ---Mary Jane Weiss, Ph.D. One of the most comprehensive and easy-to-use guides available for teaching social skills to children and youth with autism spectrum disorders. A valuable resource for teachers, clinicians, and families! - --Tristram Smith, Ph.D. One of the most comprehensive and easy-to-use guides available for teaching social skills to children and youth with autism spectrum disorders. A valuable resource for teachers, clinicians, and families! ---Tristram Smith, Ph.D.

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As an MHBA, I work with many individuals diagnosed with autism and this book is paramount to their success in relationships. I know first hand how important social skills are to living a happier and successful life - I have ASD myself. I wish someone would had taught me the valuable tools in the book when I was younger. Do your clients and loved ones a favor. Make a difference in their lives. Buy this book. Never look back. Search on youtube: "Spolar Effect". A channel dedicated to supporting autism and promoting social skills.

This is a great book for those in the ABA field or for parents of kiddos on the spectrum. There are a lot of great lessons and it makes you think more in depth about breaking down complex social interactions into smaller steps. There are a lot of things neuro-typically developing people take for granted in social situations that we simply do not think about. A must have for any practitioner working with children on the Autism Spectrum.

This book is an excellent resource for parents and professionals who work with children on the autism spectrum. This book describes a different method of ABA teaching- Teaching Interactions. Many people believe that ABA is only Discreet Trial Teaching and can only be used to teach rote skills. This book shows that ABA can be used to teach social skills, higher-order thinking skills, older children, and "high-functioning" children. I highly recommend this!

I would recommend this to parents and professionals with autistic children in therapy. we have used "a work in progress" for 3 years now, and these two books are linked. So i kinda know how its structure. It have a good progress from the beginning, but fore more pictures and practical views we also use teaching children with autism to mind-read.

A proactive analysis that is needed at every school district and autism treatment center.

This is a great resource for social skills training for students with autism!

great for school

Well organized and easy to use. Great for any teacher or parent serving children with ASD.

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