# Best Web Resources for Autism

# **BEST RESOURCES FROM LARGE AUTISM SOCIETIES:**

**The National Autistic Society** (<a href="http://www.autism.org.uk">http://www.autism.org.uk</a>) is the leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome) and their families. We provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for people with autism.

**Autism Speaks** (<a href="http://www.autismspeaks.org/">http://www.autismspeaks.org/</a>) Autism Speaks is a leading autism science and advocacy organization. It is dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

# **BEST GENERAL AUTISM WEBSITES:**

**Asperkids** (asperkids.com): A great educational resource for those with high functioning Autism or Aspergers. Jennifer O'Toole is an aspie raising 3 asperkids. She provides great educational resources on her website and has authored 4 books.

**Autism College** (<u>autismcollege.com</u>): It's not an actual college, but Chantal Sicile-Kira helps parents and professionals become educated so they are empowered in the decision making process in regards to someone with autism's educational and therapeutic lives. Chantal is the mother of a young autistic adult. Her resources are particularly helpful for parents of teenagers on the autism spectrum.

**Autism Hangout:** (<a href="http://autismhangout.com">http://autismhangout.com</a>) Autism Hangout is an online discussion forum that reports news, complies facts and community-submitted personal experiences and invites ongoing discussion to discover insights on how best to deal with the daily challenges of autism.

**My Autism Team** (<a href="http://www.myautismteam.com">http://www.myautismteam.com</a>) The social network for parents of kids with autism.

## STAY ON TOP OF THE LATEST AUTISM RESEARCH AND NEWS:

**SFARI: Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative** (<u>sfari.org</u>): SFARI publishes the latest autism research in readable articles on their website.

**Autism Daily Newscast:** (<a href="http://www.autismdailynewscast.com">http://www.autismdailynewscast.com</a>) Autism Daily Newscast is an official Google News site. We report on current events of interest and importance to those on the autism spectrum and those who love them. Our main focus is on current issues around health concerns, life style, latest research and technology as it relates to autism spectrum disorder. Our goal is to provide useful and valuable information that is written in an easy to understand format.

**The Coffee Klatch:** (http://thecoffeeklatch.com/) Award winning, world renowned authors, psychiatrists, psychologists, physicians, advocates and respected children's foundations join us to help you better understand a special needs child and yourself. Listen to the Coffee Klatch here on <u>iTunes</u>.

**Autism Live:** (<a href="http://www.autism-live.com">http://www.autism-live.com</a>) is an interactive webshow providing support, resources, information, facts, entertainment and inspiration to parents, teachers and practitioners.

**Autism Empowerment Radio:** (autismempowerment.org) A radio podcast that offers a wide range of original content of interest to the autism and Asperger communities. They host interviews with guests around the world including autism advocates, authors, care providers, educators, parents and other professional individuals and organizations. You can listen to the <u>Autism Empowerment Radio here</u>.

#### **VISUAL LEARNING:**

**Pictoselector** (www.pictoselector.eu): Pictoselector is a free application created by an autism dad containing over 27000 pictos so you can create your own visual supports.

# **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:**

**Innovative Piano** (<u>innovativepiano.com</u>) provides piano lessons and a unique series of piano instruction material to individuals with autism.

**I Love ABA**: (<a href="http://www.iloveaba.com/p/free-resources.html">http://www.iloveaba.com/p/free-resources.html</a>) by Tameika Meadows is a board behavior analyst who writes at iloveaba.com. She provides a big list of free aba teaching resources on her website.

**Handwriting Without Tears**: (<a href="http://www.hwtears.com">http://www.hwtears.com</a>) Millions of students all over the world use Handwriting Without Tears. Their easy-to-teach, easy-to-learn curriculum makes handwriting mastery joyful for students and their teachers.

**Geek Club Books:** (geekclubbooks.com) Autism storytellers for a positive change. They foster self-acceptance and support parents who want to help their children find their places in the world. Get a free audio book when you subscribe to their email list.

## **ELOPEMENT RESOURCES:**

**QR Code ID:** (<u>qrcodeid.org</u>) Help for your loved ones who may wander. Individualized codes that are worn and can be scanned to view contact info. They will have dog tags and ID cards soon for anyone unable to self advocate during a critical moment.

# **SENSORY RESOURCES:**

**Snug Vest:** (<u>snugvest.com</u>) Snug Vest provides stylish inflatable vests that provide Deep Pressure Therapy in a hug-like squeeze. They are especially effective for individuals on the spectrum with high levels of anxiety, stress, or sensory disorders.

### **VACATIONS WITH AUTISM:**

**Autism On The Seas:** (<u>autismontheseas.com</u>) Autism on the Seas develops cruise vacation services to accommodate adults and families living with children on the autism spectrum. They provide professionally trained staff to provide specialized respite and private activities specially catered to your family needs.