

# Resource List for Diagnostics

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**ADHD-Autism Connection. A Step Toward More Accurate Diagnoses and Effective Treatments. Diane Kennedy, Rebecca Banks & Temple Grandin (2002)**

Attention deficit/hyperactive disorder (ADHD) is one of the most rapidly growing diagnoses of our generation. Often the diagnosis fails to provide real help, leaving patients, doctors, and families at a loss to know what to do next. But for the first time ever, new insights into the overwhelming number of similarities between Autism and ADHD are giving those with ADHD genuine hope.

**Answers to Questions Teachers Ask About Sensory Integration. Carol Kranowitz (2001)**

An introduction to sensory challenges. Includes diagnostic checklists, progress forms, and practical tools for working with children of all ages.

**Assessment in Special Education: A Practical Approach. Roger Pierangelo & George A Giuliani. (2012)**

Covers assessments for every disability type while examining each stage of the assessment process.

**Autism? Aspergers? ADHD? ADD? A Parent's Roadmap to Understanding and Support. Diane Drake Burns (2005)**

Suspect there's something "different" about your child? This book will help you navigate those early stages of your child's life when a diagnosis is nowhere in sight and you're either totally frustrated or frightened into inaction by a vision of what may lie ahead.

**Autism Early Intervention: Fast Facts. Raun M Melmed, MD. (2007)**

Guide that explains the evaluations, diagnoses, and treatments for children with autism spectrum disorders.

**The Autism Sourcebook: Everything You Need to Know About Diagnosis, Treatment, Coping and Healing. Karen Siff Exkorn. (2005)**

Offers an inside look at families with children who have autism, and ties in the authors firsthand experience as a parent.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders: Missouri Best Practice Guide for Screening, Diagnosis, and Assessment. (2010)**

Clinicians' overview and summary of best practices.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders: Missouri Best Practice Guide for Screening, Diagnosis, and Assessment. (2010)**

Educators' and service providers' overview and summary of best practices.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders: Screening and Referral. Thompson Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders. (DVD)**

Focuses on screening for ASD and how to make referrals for children who may present with a concern for autism.

**The Bipolar Child: The Definitive and Reassuring Guide to Childhood's Most Misunderstood Disease. Demetri Papolos, M.D. & Janice Papolos (2000, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2006)**

Resource includes how to receive proper diagnosis, treatment, and long-term care.

**Common Psychiatric Disorders. Eric Hollander, MD et al (2000)**

Pocket handbook covers general principles, depression: diagnosis and management, anxiety: diagnosis and management, and includes an index.

**Demystifying Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Guide to Diagnosis for Parents and Professionals. Carolyn T. Bruey**

This guide for lay readers clarifies the process of diagnosis for parents who don't fully understand it or wonder whether there is another ASD diagnosis that's more appropriate for their child.

**Developmental Dyspraxia: Identification and Intervention Manual for Parents and Professionals. Madeleine**

**Portwood (1999)**

Manual, for teachers and health professionals, on the diagnosis of and intervention for dyspraxia. Discusses the neurological basis of the condition, strategies for identification, diagnosis, and assessment, remediation activities, programs to develop self-esteem, and more.

**Diagnosing and Treating Tourette Syndrome. (CD-ROM & DVD)**

Contains scientific literature, medical and educational videos.

**Freeing Your Child from Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: A Powerful, Practical Program for Parents of Children and Adolescents. Tamar A Chansky, PhD (2001)**

Explains how OCD is diagnosed, how to find the right therapist partner, and how to tailor treatment options to your child's needs.

**The Journey Through Assessment: Help for Parents with a Special Needs Child. Antonia Chitty & Victoria Dawson.**

If you believe that there is something wrong with your child, but have yet to get a diagnosis, this book will help you through the period of uncertainty when you have to negotiate healthcare and education services.

**Learning Disabilities: What are They? Helping Teachers and Parents Understand the Characteristics. Robert Evert Cimera (2007)**

Explains what Learning Disabilities are and how they should be diagnosed, as well explores the many different types of Learning Disabilities that affect children and adults.

**Lonely, Sad and Angry: A Parent's Guide to Depression in Children and Adolescents. Barbara Ingersoll & Sam Goldstein (1995)**

Teenagers. Covers the symptoms of depression its diagnosis, causes, treatment (including medication), suicide and management strategies at home and at school. (225 pages)

**A Mental Health Survival Guide: How to Manage the Severities of Multi-Mental Health Diagnosis. Brian D Stubbs.**

Memoir and survival guide that offers tips on how to manage and find relief from mental illness.

**My Autism Book. A Child's Guide to their Autism Spectrum Diagnosis. Gloria Dura-Vila & Tamar Levi. (2014)**

Ages 5 & up. Illustrated picture book that helps parents to explain an autism diagnosis to their child in a sensitive, positive and accurate way. (47 pages)

**Nonverbal Learning Disorder: Understanding and Coping with NLD and Asperger's- What Parents and Teachers Need to Know. Rondalyn Varney Whitney. (2008)**

Offers practical suggestions, the latest information, and activities that will help your child get the proper diagnosis, develop a treatment plan, and put your child on the path to a happy, fulfilling life.

**The Oasis Guide to Asperger Syndrome. Patricia Bashe & Barbara Kirby (2001)**

Covers what Asperger's Syndrome looks like and how it is diagnosed; how parents can accept and work with the diagnosis; what interventions, therapies, and medications are available; how to navigate through the school system; how parents can raise their unique child, guiding him or her through the social, emotional, and intellectual challenges on the way to adulthood.

**Pervasive Developmental Disorder: Finding a Diagnosis and Getting Help. Mitzi Waltz (1999)**

This book focuses on the most common autism diagnosis, PDD-NOS (not otherwise specified).

**Revealing Minds: Assessing to Understand and Support Struggling Learners. Craig Pohlman (2008)**

Guide for assessing learning problems in school-aged students.

**Special Educator's Comprehensive Guide to 301 Diagnostic Tests. Roger Pierangelo & George Guiliani (2006)**

Select and interpret the most commonly used assessment measures for disabilities as defined by IDEA 2004.

**Straight Talk About Psychological Testing For Kids. Ellen Braaten, PhD, et al (2004)**

Gives parents the inside scoop on how psychological testing works and how to use testing to get the best help for their child.

**Testing and Your Child: What You Should Know About 150 of the Most Common Medical, Educational and Psychological Tests. Virginia E. McCullough (1992)**

Provides parents with essential information on each test such as who must administer it and under what conditions, what the test tests for and what it cannot reveal, what preparation is required, what affects scoring and what follow-up testing might be recommended.

**What Do I Do When...The Answer Book on Assessing, Testing and Graduating Students with Disabilities. Susan Gorn (2000)**

This text concerns the federal laws addressing how schools should educate and accommodate students with disabilities participating in the general curriculum while preserving district wide standards for all students.

**When Down Syndrome and Autism Intersect: A Guide to DS-ASD for Parents and Professionals. Margaret Froehлке & Robin Zaborek. (2013)**

Offers a thorough examination of the unique profile of a Down Syndrome-Autism Spectrum Disorder (DS-ASD) diagnosis and best practices for screening, treatment, and caretaking through the lifespan.

**Wrightslaw: All About Tests & Assessments: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions. Melissa Lee Farrall, Pamela Darr Wright & Peter WD Wright. (2014)**

In this comprehensive, easy-to-read book, you will find clear, concise answers to frequently asked questions about assessments, evaluations, and tests.