

## Standards for Evidence in Autism

Decisionmakers, practitioners and families know that there is an abundance of information on approaches to ASD. This information is often confusing and sometimes conflicting. To bring clarity to the discussion several projects have undertaken the task of establishing criteria and reviewing approaches against their criteria. Not all projects set the same level of evidence in their criteria. In this section we present major initiatives to identify evidence-based practices in autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

- **[National Professional Development Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)**

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NPDC on ASD has identified 24 practices that meet the following criteria for evidence-based practices for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders. NPDC on ASD is in the process of developing online modules for each of the 24 identified evidence-based practices.

1. **[Evidence-Based Practice Briefs](#)**

Evidence-based practice (EBP) briefs have been developed for all 24 identified evidence-based practices. Scroll down on the page to access the briefs.

2. **[Autism Internet Modules](#)**

These modules are available on the **[Autism Internet Modules \(AIM\) website](#)** hosted by the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI).

- **[National Autism Center](#)**

The National Autism center is a non-profit organization.

The National Standards Report (2009) provides information on which treatments have been shown to be effective for children with ASD. It covers a broad range of applied treatments, identifies the level of scientific evidence available for each, and provides specific information about the age groups, treatment targets, and diagnostic populations to which these treatments have been applied

1. **[National Standards Project Summary](#)**

This document was prepared by the IDEA Partnership ASD Collection workgroup.

2. [National Standards Full Report](#)

This is a PDF of the full 160-page National Standards Report.