

Guiding Principles

Autism Spectrum Disorders

As the IDEA Partnership develops and shares materials, resources, and research on ASD every effort is made to follow these guiding principles developed by our stakeholders. You may want to consider these principles as you begin to work with your stakeholders.

- 1) promote materials and resources that will benefit all who live, work with, and support individuals with ASD;
- 2) ensure non-duplication of stakeholder efforts and integration of relevant initiatives, tools, materials, and resources;
- 3) ensure access to peer reviewed and research supported sources on instructional practices that lead to positive outcomes;
- 4) acknowledge the unique combination of strengths and challenges that influence the achievement, integration and well being of individuals with ASD;
- 5) assist stakeholders in understanding and valuing the differences and unique contributions that may be presented and the strategies that people can use to facilitate positive outcomes for individuals with ASD;
- 6) provide stakeholders with exemplars of high-quality implementation of evidence-based practices for individuals with ASD; and
- 7) promote connections and encourage collaboration among all stakeholders for context, depth, and sustainability.

Fifty national organizations, representing decision-makers, practitioners, administrators, families and higher education, work together in the IDEA Partnership. These groups and their representatives from the state and local level co-create each of the tools in our Partnership Collections

