



## Sharing Information About Your Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder: What Do Respite or Alternative Caregivers Need to Know

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Autism Asperger Publishing Co. AAPC, 2007. Softcover. Book Condition: New. Leaving a child with a paid respite care worker, friend, neighbor, or even an extended family member, represents a potentially stressful situation for parents of children who have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or any other developmental challenge. Sharing Information About Your Child with autism spectrum disorders eases some of the apprehensions associated with parents communicating their child's behavior, daily living patterns and food rituals to a person who is not familiar with the child. A caregiver might forget important verbal suggestions from the parents, but if the information is written down, the caregiver has a backup resource to aid his or her memory recall while the parents are away. Sharing Information about Your Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder is broken down into five sections. The first section describes how parents can document their child's medical issues, preferences, skill levels, and other information. The second section consists of short handouts that can help respite workers understand general topics such as the importance of routines or relaxation strategies. In the third section, case studies illustrate, for example, how information about behavior and positive behavior supports might be shared, in a written...



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