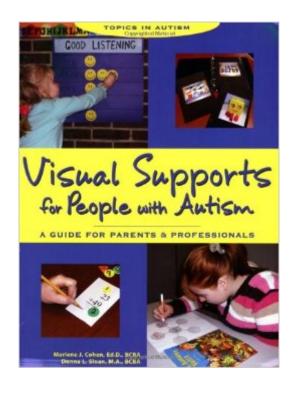
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# Visual Supports For People With Autism: A Guide For Parents And Professionals (Topics In Autism)





# Synopsis

(2008 IPPY Awards: Bronze Medalist, Education/Academic/Testing) Most of us use visual supports in our daily lives--for example, a shopping list, calendar, or a roadmap. Visual supports are particularly beneficial to people with autism because they help make abstract concepts concrete and capitalize on the user's inherent visual learning strengths. VISUAL SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM shows parents and educators how incorporating these aids while teaching can improve academic performance, behavior, interaction with others, and self-help skills. In a friendly, conversational-style, the authors, both certified behavior analysts, describe the deficits typical of autism--language, memory, temporal seguential skills, attention, motivation, and social skills--and present strategies to use visual supports to address those issues at school and home. This guide presents an abundance of examples, illustrated by dozens of black & white and color photos, including: activity schedules; calendars; charts; checklists; color coding; flip books; graphic organizers; mnemonics; nametags; photo boards; Power Cards; scripts; Social Stories; to-do lists; and video modeling. VISUAL SUPPORTS also explains considerations such as portability, durability, preferences, age appropriateness, and effectiveness. While visual supports can enhance learning, they should, however, eventually be eliminated to avoid over-dependence on them. An entire chapter describes different ways to fade visual supports. With this book, there's no limit to what can be taught, from fostering social interaction by using a graphic organizer of conversational talking points to learning to put away toys from video modeling. Most of the visual supports presented in this book are low-tech and easy-to-use, making it simple for parents and professionals to create their own, suited to the needs of their students. Inspiring success stories will further motivate parents and professionals to get started.

### **Book Information**

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I have a 3 year old with autism. She hit a rough patch and I was hoping for ideas on visual cues to help with transitions. This book was not at all helpful to me as the cues are much better geared to school age kids, even older school age kids in my opinion.

This is an excellent resource for those teachers working with students with autism. Visual supports are the best way to help an autistic child. The techniques described really work!!! The colored pictures of the supports were helpful, too!

Experts Marlene J. Cohen and Donna L. Sloan combine their expertise in Visual Supports for People with Autism: A Guide for Parents & Professionals, an educational guide for parents and professionals responsible for instructing children with autism spectrum disorder. Packed with examples and black-and-white photographic illustrations of over 140 visual supports, Visual Supports for People with Autism is an excellent supplementary resource for working on problem learning areas such as language, attention, memory, motivation, sequential skills, or social skills. An excellent, reader-friendly guide featuring reproducible diagrams to facilitate its ideas and concepts for enhancing learning.

I really enjoy this book. It is very organized but unfortunately it isn't very colorful. There is a lot of helpful information in this book.

This book has some really great templates, pictures and examples. It is very nicely laid out and explains how to use the supports and even what students would benefit from which visuals. The only reason I didn't give it more stars is because we are just starting on this journey with my four year old grandson and there is not really enough information for the very young ones (preschool). I look forward to putting it to more use in the future.

Excellent book for students with disabilities. This book provides visuals to support learning across school and home settings. This book includes simple visual supports that make a HUGE difference

in students ability to understand lessons or learn new skills.

I run the [...] website and I am always looking for the best of the best in books and products to recommend to teachers and parents. This book is one of the top on my list. It is practical, easy to read and implement and full of really, really good ideas!!!

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