

Social Cognition in Autism Spectrum Disorder

Information for Professionals

Difficulties in social communication and interactions are among the hallmarks of autism spectrum disorder. Social cognitive difficulties exist even in verbal adults without co-occurring intellectual disability.



Have you considered if your verbal ASD client:

- Has difficulty understanding the perspectives and intentions of other people?
- Exhibits difficulty appraising the social context and determining what behavior is appropriate in different social settings?
- Struggles to understand the non-verbal behavior of others (facial expression, body language)?
- Has difficulty understanding how their verbal and non-verbal behavior affects others?
- Has challenges with social and emotional reciprocity?
- Has limited foresight or the ability to plan ahead?

What can be done to help?

We are raising awareness among practitioners to help identify individuals who may benefit from resources and innovative treatment approaches to help with social cognition.



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