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Groups

- Autism in India
- Kenya Autism Alliance
- Special Needs Educators of Malaysia (Autism, Aspergers, Dyslexia, etc)
- Campaign for Autism Support and Awareness in Nigeria (CASAN)
- Nigerians for Autism
- South Africa fighting Autism
1. Find a community and identify its OEP readiness
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**Participation**
- Sustained over time
- Commitment from a core group of participants
- Emerging roles and hierarchy

**Cohesion**
- Support and tolerance
- Turn taking and response
- Humour and playfulness

**Identity**
- Group self-awareness
- Shared language and vocabulary
- Sense of Community

**Creative capability**
- Igniting sense of purpose
- Multiple points of view expressed and contradicted or challenged
- Creation of knowledge links and patterns

**Community Indicators**
1. Find a community and identify its OEP readiness

2. Listen to the needs of the community
Samantha Burns

Hi I'm very new to all this and trying to gather as much information as possible. My son was diagnosed about 2mths at 20mths. I'm based in Cape Town and not having much luck in getting any help. I think I might be going to the wrong people as so far been told to wait until he is two. Isn't this wasting developmental time? Any suggestions? I'm desperate. Any support groups around? Many thanks

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Jacqui Potgieter Hi Samantha, welcome. Make an appointment to see Jenny Buckle. jenny@reach-autism.com both my boys have been with her and wow what a difference. You can also get in touch with her P.A. Nikki 0834478797. Don't wait, the earlier the better. my youngest started at 15 months.
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Linette Van Tiddens I've also heard DR. Lindeburg in Stellenburg is quite good-0219141640-she's known as "the Autism Doctor"-you can google her as well-just what I've heard though
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Samantha Upton Dr Lindenberg is a DAN! Doctor. (Defeat Autism Now) who specialises in the medical side of autism - i.e. Gut issues, sleepingn coentration etc. Then u need to start therapy and ABA (google this) is the know technique. Here Jenny Buckle could assist but I also know of an ex therapist who worked with my kid and who is now based in CT who u could also contact
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3. Simultaneously establish your credibility
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2. **Autism Training Modules from The Thompson Center at Missouri University**

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2. Listen to the needs of the community

3. Simultaneously establish your credibility

4. Search OER repositories/collections for OER that may meet those needs; share them with the community

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Tony Cyp-Media uploaded a file.

I've saved a copy of NIMH's 'Parent’s Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorder' that I mentioned in a comment in Nneka Enejere Obiagwu's thread into the 'Files' tab above for future reference.

NIMH parent-guide-to-autism.pdf
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Nneka Enejere Obiagwu Thank you Tony.

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5. Disseminate information about the community’s unmet needs.

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@CYPmedia Not at present but an enhanced online version of the Toolbox is at early stages of development by Autism Scotland working group.
Full paper:
- Different behaviour patterns across groups of different nationalities
- How best to work with particular groups
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