



# Autism Developmental Approach Therapies Association

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## Autism D.A.T.A.'s Winter 2017 Bulletin

Welcome to the latest from the developmental approach to autism intervention world!

Please sign up at [autismDATA.org](http://autismDATA.org) to receive your copy via email and see past issues at [autismdata.org/bulletin](http://autismdata.org/bulletin).

If you live in Ontario, Canada, please consider adding your name to our petition at [autismdata.org/petition](http://autismdata.org/petition) if you wish to see Developmental Approach therapies funded.

## Our Sister Organization in Manitoba

**ADAPT Manitoba** is the Association for Developmental Autism Programs and Therapies which, like Autism DATA, is a group of parents and professionals who support developmental therapies for children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

ADAPT's focus is on family support, advocacy, and community awareness. It highlights Developmental, Individual differences, Relationship-based (DIR)/Floortime, Relationship Development Intervention (RDI), and Hanen programs. Please visit the website, sign up for the latest blog posts and like the Facebook page [HERE](#).

## New Research

A **new study** out of New York University found that the intense interests that often accompany autism in adults can not only be helpful to their self-regulation, but also in finding fulfilling career paths. Read about it [HERE](#).

A **new research study** calls into question the practice of defaulting to Early intensive behavioural intervention (EIBI) and more recently, the naturalist developmental behavioural intervention (NDBI) in favour of strengths-based approaches, based on the latest neuroscience autism-related research. You can see the study [HERE](#).

# EXCITING NEWS!

## New Building Floortime Families Parent Support Partnership with ICDL

Our own **Affect Autism** is now partnering with the Interdisciplinary Council on Development and Learning (**ICDL**) to offer parents and caregivers education and support. Parents will learn how to apply DIR and DIR/Floortime in their lives to help move their children up the developmental ladder and help them reach their highest potential.

There's a new introductory FREE online parent course, a six-week parent course and from there Supporting Floortime Families will be offered through Affect Autism. Find out more [HERE](#).

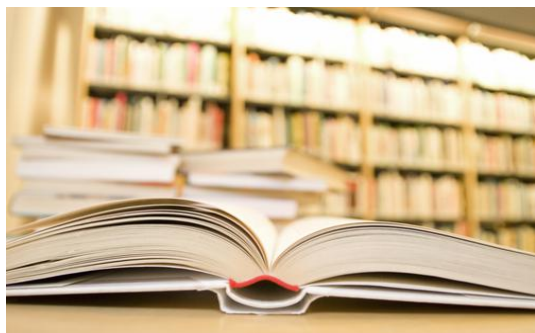


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## New Resources

A **new book** entitled, *Social and Emotional Development in Early Intervention: A Skills Guide for Working With Children* by Mona Delahooke, PhD is now available [HERE](#).



[Kids Attuned](#) is a great website that highlights parent-mediated, developmental approaches in early childhood mental health. It offers a place for practitioners and parents to network, and offers research and clinical information. *Recognizing and treating the early signs of autism* is their latest in a series of videos. A highly recommended developmental approach resource!

[Circle Stretch](#) is another website with great resources for families and professionals, focusing on DIR/Floortime. You'll find videos, training materials, slides from lectures, research and great facts sheets. Please check it out!

## New Video Coding App

California psychiatrist Joshua Feder and his team at [Fielding University](#) have been working on how to use everyday video to track developmental progress in social communication. You can read about it by going to the 'Are We Connected?' link at [circlestretch.com](http://circlestretch.com).

The hope is that the video coding paradigm will help measure and clarify, in a meaningful way in natural settings, the quality of interactions reflecting regulation, engagement, and reciprocity to meet the need for a streamlined method that allows clinicians, parents, teachers, and researchers to efficiently track progress in developmental function.

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## Upcoming Courses

**The Interdisciplinary Council on Development and Learning (ICDL)**, the home of DIR® & DIR/Floortime®, has posted the upcoming spring course schedule [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Conferences

**FRI, MAR 31 & APR 1 8:30AM-4:30PM** San Marino, CA

Honoring Individual Differences: The Gateway to Supporting Neurodiversity in Autism & Mental Health Treatment. Find out more [HERE](#).

**FRI, APR 7 8:30AM-3:00PM** New York, NY

Learning Through Relationships: How to Bring DIR® and DIR/Floortime into Your Classroom and Treatment. Find out more [HERE](#).



## Bermuda On Board With DIR/Floortime®

[ICDL](#), the Interdisciplinary Council on Development and Learning, was in Bermuda last month training all Child Development Programme staff in DIR/Floortime, including staff from the Department of Health and the Department of Education. Read more [HERE](#).

*DIR/Floortime is spreading across the world as ICDL has been training teams from Anchorage to Hanoi to Rio de Janeiro.*

**Have an idea for our spring newsletter? Don't be shy... let us know!**

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