

Child Development

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD)

This site presents easily understandable information on the condition related to symptoms, causes and treatment. <http://www.webmd.com/parenting/sensory-processing-disorder>

The Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation (SPDF) sponsors this site. There are numerous links to subtopics related to SPD <http://www.spdfoundation.net/>

One subtopic link on the SPDF site links the reader to an overview of SPD. The CASA might find the section on emotional and other impacts of Sensory Processing Disorder helpful: <http://www.sinetwork.org/about-sensory-processing-disorder.html>

This website is the home page for the Sensory Processing Disorder Resource Center. <http://www.sensory-processing-disorder.com/>. There are many links on this main page but one that the CASA might find helpful is on treatment activities. Some of the activities would also be fun tasks the CASAs could use to play with their children (e.g., Play doh, Gak, and motor toys like whistles and swings). Treatment Activities: <http://www.sensory-processing-disorder.com/sensory-integration-activities.html>

Reactive Attachment Disorder

This site written by Mayo Clinic staff provides an overview of RAD and includes the following sections, which the CASA might find helpful: definitions, causes, and risk factors. Tests and diagnosis section does include a short paragraph on “disagreement over diagnosis methods” which the CASA might want to review. <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/reactive-attachment-disorder/DS00988>

This site is a brief overview of RAD as presented by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). The CASA can also link to other topics from this site using the Facts for Families quick link. The AACAP developed Facts for Families to provide concise and up-to-date information on issues that affect children, teenagers, and their families. http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/reactive_attachment_disorder

This site provides a simple and straightforward summary of RAD presented by the National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health. This agency created and maintains MedlinePlus to assist the reader in locating authoritative health information. The CASA might find the MedlinePlus helpful if interested in researching drugs and supplements. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001547.htm>

NIH Medline PLUS Child Development Homepage

This site is the Child Development Homepage for the National Institutes of Health where they have a list to many approved links about child development. It is a good place to start to find the specific information you are looking for in this large topic.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childdevelopment.html>

If you are interested specifically in the development of infants or newborns you should start at this page instead:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/infantandnewborndevelopment.html>

CDC Child Development Milestones

This is a general list of specific child development milestones from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is a quick reference to see if your child may be lagging behind developmentally but as these things occur at different ages it is not a definitive guide.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/>

Wikipedia Child Development Article

This is a large child development article covering many topics from Wikipedia. It is well sourced and can provide you with up-to-date information on many topics and the accompanying links to verify the information. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Child_development