From the CDR
Library Stacks

December 2005

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http://uscm.med.sc.edu/cdrrhome/

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—Finally, make sure to read the article on pages 4 and 5 regarding the ABC Special Needs Voucher Program. A URL to the complete document can be found at the end of the piece.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday, everyone!

New Additions to the CDR Collection:

Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger’s, Tourette’s, Bipolar, and More! (2005).

Play for Children

Check out these titles on play:
• Achieving learning goals though play: teaching young children with special needs (2005).
• The new language of toys: teaching communication skills to children with special needs (2004).
• The out-of-sync child has fun: activities for kids with sensory integration dysfunction (2003).
• Fun without fatigue: toys and activities for children with restricted movement and limited energy (2001).
• Toddler play (2001).
• Baby play & learn (1999).

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Help is On the Way: A child's book about ADD
— You don’t have to go it alone, help is on the way! That’s the message on this reassuring book for youngsters with attention deficit disorders (ADDs). This book describes how children might experience symptoms of ADD. It tells how they can cope and what help is available.

— The Social Stories™ approach is a widely acknowledged as a key technique for helping people with autistic spectrum disorders (ASDs) understand and become more familiar with social and life skills.

“Merry Christmas”
New Books and Videos

"A great attitude does much more than turn on the lights in our worlds; it seems to magically connect us to all sorts of serendipitous opportunities that were somehow absent before the change." Earl Nightingale

—One of the leading experts in behavioral treatments approaches autism through the context of its controversies, showing where extraordinary and unfounded claims have falsely raised hopes, stirred fears, and ruined lives. Schreiber arms her readers with information to deal with the ideas about autism.

Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger’s, Tourette’s, Bipolar, and More! (2005).
—Dr. Kutscher provides information on causes, symptoms, interactions with other conditions, and treatments. He presents behavioral strategies for responding to children who display traits of these disorders along with case vignettes and practical tips.

—Helping a child with ADD/ADHD can be a frustrating process that requires an understanding of the various biochemical and nutritional factors involved. This guide offers the information parents need to recognize these factors. Included are dietary suggestions and tips for avoiding allergens.

Spotlight on these New Additions...
In a typical child care center, in a cheery room adorned with cutouts of brightly colored autumn leaves, a group of four-year-olds work intently on water-color paintings. A little girl in a wheelchair sits at the end of the table using an enlarged paintbrush that makes it easier for her to grip. She proudly adds the finishing touches to her Halloween pumpkin as her classmates do the same.
ABC Special Needs Voucher Program  cont.

While there is nothing remarkable about such a scene, ten years ago it may not have been observed in child care settings throughout South Carolina. Yet since 1994, a federally funded grant has opened up opportunities for children with different needs and abilities and developmental delays who need child care services. The Advocates for Better Care (ABC) Special Needs Voucher Program is managed by the Center for Disability Resources, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of South Carolina.

Through the Program, vouchers are provided to low-income families to finance day care services for children with special needs, birth through 18 years of age. Families must meet certain eligibility requirements and a small co-payment is required on their part. “Our philosophy is that ALL children participate to the maximum possible,” said Dr. Gay Clement-Atkinson, Program Director for the ABC Special Needs Voucher Program. It often takes only a simple modification for a child with a different need to participate in an activity. “In today’s world, you can buy a lot of expensive equipment and materials, but there really is no need. We do an awful lot of make it ourselves, modify it ourselves, enlarge it ourselves,” said Clement-Atkinson.

Access the full article at: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/cdrhome/abcchildcare.htm

—About the Library—

The library is a collaborative effort between BabyNet/South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Center for Disability Resources, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The CDR Library consists of books, videos, brochures, and audiotapes covering a variety of disability-related topics. The Center for Disability Resources Library is located within the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library on Garners Ferry Road.