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# EBP Training Module: Visual Supports

- Any tool presented visually that supports an individual as he or she moves through the day
- Might include written words, objects within the environment, arrangement of the environment or visual boundaries, schedules, maps, labels, organization systems, timelines, and scripts



## Visual Supports

### They include:

- Visual/Physical Boundaries and Structure
- Visual/Picture/Written Cues, and Work Systems
- Visual Schedules



## NPDC – ASD Evidence

Evidence Based Practice and Abbreviated	Evidence by Developmental Domain and Age (years)																									
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Ptvotal Response Training (PRT): Pivotal learning variables guide intervention implemented in settings that build on learner interests and initiative																										
Prompting (PP): Verbals-genterel, or physical amintance that supports skill acquisition Reinforcement (R+): A response occurring after a behavior resulting in an increased likelihood of future reoccurrence of the behavior																										
Response Interruption/Redirection (RIR): Use of recepts or distructors during an interfering behavior that liverts attention and reduces the behavior.																										
scripting (SC): A verbal or written model of a skill or ituation that is practiced before we-se-context																								•		
Self Management (SM): Instruction on discrimination between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors and accurate self-monitoring and rewarding of hisbookus.																										
Social Narratives (SN): Descriptions of social situations with examples of appropriate responding																										
Social Skilla Training (SST): Direct instruction on social skills with rehearsal and feedback to increase positive peer interaction.																										
Structured Play Group (SPG): Adult lead small group activities that include typically developing peers and use prompting to support performance																	***************************************									
Task Analysis (TA): The process of breaking a skill into small steps that are systematically chained together																	•••••									
Technology-Aided Instruction and Intervention (TAII): Intervention using technology as a critical feature																										
Time Delay (TD): Delaying a prompt during a practice apportunity in order to fade the use of prompts																										
Video Modeling (VM): A video recording of a targeted skill that is viewed to assist in learning																										
Visual Support (VS): Visual display that supports independent skill use.																										



### Settings

### Used effectively in:

- Home settings
- Community settings
- Classroom settings

Visual Supports are intended to be used <u>as</u> <u>one component</u> of comprehensive programming for individuals with ASD



# Visual/Physical Boundaries and Structure

 Visual/Physical Boundaries and Structure are a specific type of visual support that use furniture arrangement, labeling, and color coding to make the use of a particular space more obvious and clear



### Who Needs Physical/Visual Structure?

- Is there a safety concern?
- Does the learner have difficulty staying in one place?
- Does the learner know what s/he is to be working on in an area?
- Does the learner ever leave a location because of frustration?
- Does the learner ever have difficulty with entering others' work space and or making use of others' work or personal materials?

If yes to any of these, consider using Physical/Visual
Structure...



# Area is clearly defined with physical parameters to minimize distractions and insure students understand expectations





# Area is Labeled With A Destination Point for Matching Schedules







## One to One Work Area





# Independent Work Area







## Group Work Areas







## Play/Leisure Area





### **Transition Area**





# Break Area (For Self Regulation/Self Calming)





### Visual Cues

- Help Identify or Clarify Expected Behaviors
  - Rules
  - Sequences
  - Additional visual information that clarifies the expectations (timers, highlighting, etc)



### Who Needs Visual Cues?

- Does the activity, event, or concept cause anxiety or frustration for the learner?
- Is a great deal of adult support required for the learner to be successful with the activity, event, or concept?
- Is the activity, event, or concept difficult for the learner to understand when only verbal information is provided?

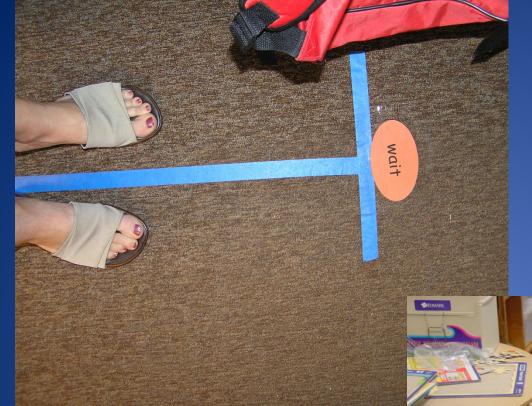
If yes to any of these questions, it is likely that the learner would benefit from a visual support



### Visual Cues Help Identify or Clarify Expected Behaviors







# Visual Cues Clarify Space for Lining Up





## Visual Step By Step Instructions

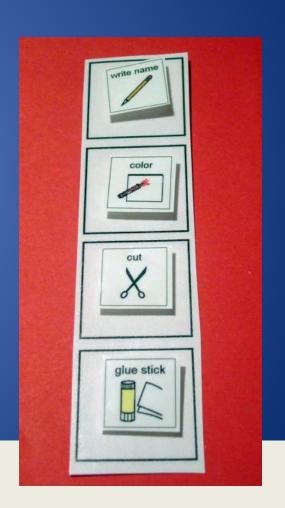






# Visual sequence and organization of steps within activities

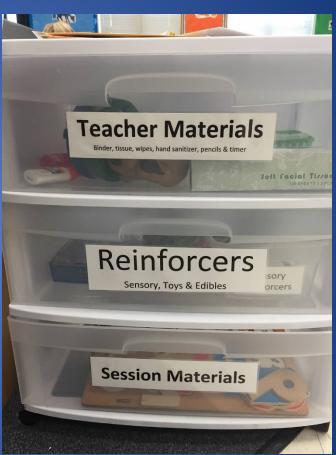






# Materials are Labeled and Easily Accessible within Appropriate Classroom Areas







# A Visual Work System Answers Four Questions Visually For The Student

- 1. What Work?
- 2. How Much Work?

3. When Is It Finished?

4. What Happens Next?





## Types of Work Systems

- Left to Right Finished Box: This is the simplest level system
- Matching: This requires the student to match color, shape, letter or number from a work list to a work box
- Written System: This could include specific written directions or a checklist



## Left to Right Work System

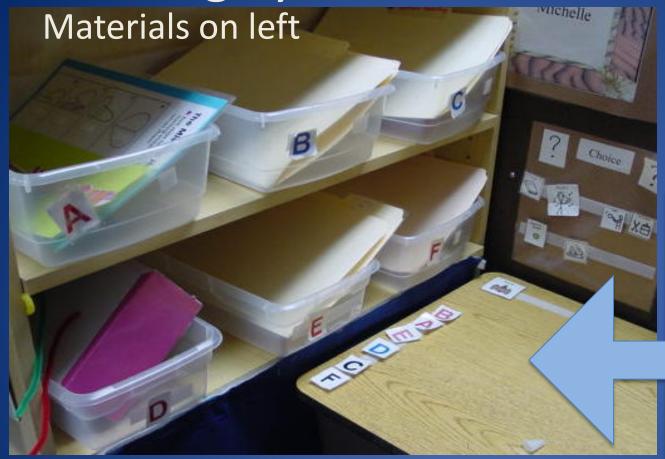
"To Do"
Work
starts on
the Left



Finished work is placed in finished bin on right

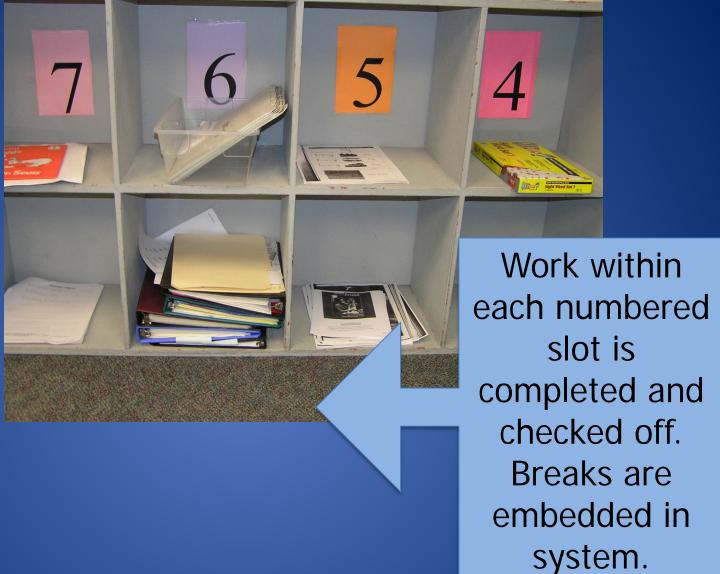


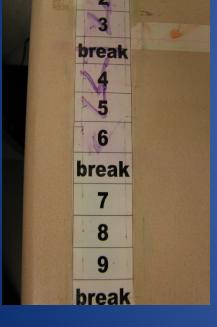
### Matching System:



Icon matched to appropriate bin, work completed, bin returned to shelf



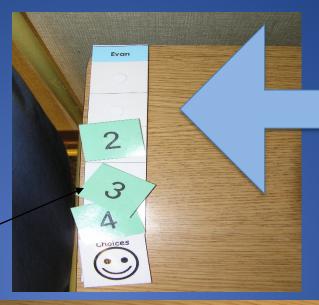






### Matching Folder Work System





Icon matched to appropriate folder, work in folder is completed, folder is turned in to teacher for corrections





### Written System



Each steep of work is written with additional visual information.
Steps are checked off as completed



### Work System for Snack Set Up



Icon is matched to bin, items in bin are placed on table. When bin is empty, next icon is matched to next bin until table is set.

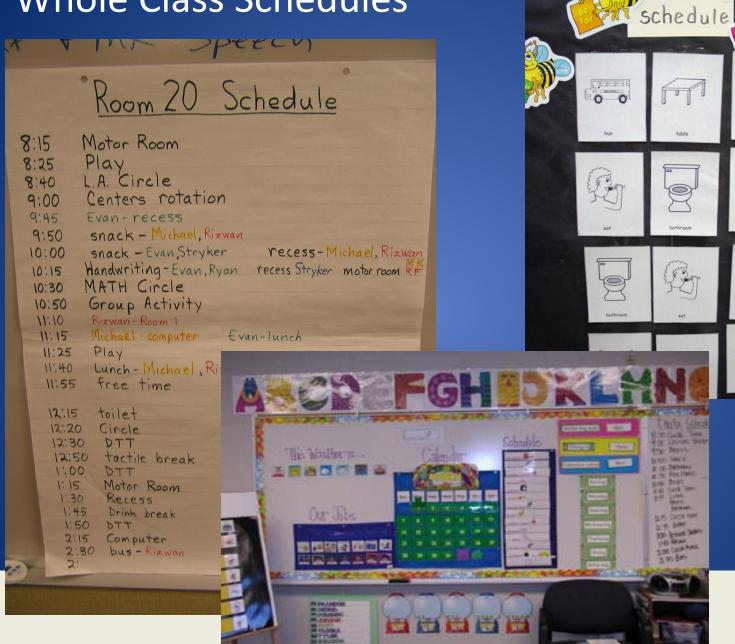


### Visual Schedules Should:

- Be visual and easily understood by the target student
- Indicate what activities will occur and in what sequence
- Be arranged left to right or top to bottom or provided by the teacher one at a time (Teacher as Schedule)
- Have a way to indicate that each activity is finished



### Whole Class Schedules



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### Using a Whole Class Schedule

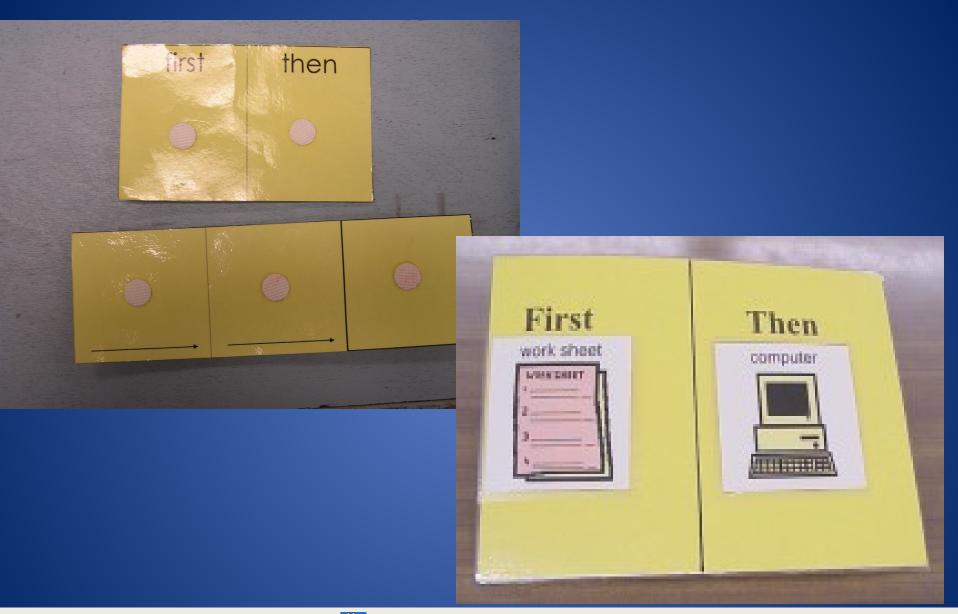
- Stationary in the classroom
- States specific order of activities
- Actively used by teacher to indicate completion and transition to new activities
- A consistent signal should be used to indicate change in activities or change to schedule



# First - Then A Visual Schedule System

- Basic visual system
- Identifies the order of activities
- May be used in a variety of settings at several levels
- Great tool for helping with transitions
- Great to show a preferred activity is following a non-preferred activity
- A timer can be attached to the system if needed







## First-Then for Community





#### Individual Student Schedule

- Stationary: Student goes to schedule
  - Must have a transition icon or item to indicate to student to go to check schedule
- Portable: Student carries the schedule
  - Must have a way to check off or remove items that are completed
- Teaches important self management skill
- Allows student to see how activities apply INDIVIDUALLY, not just the group





# Portable Object Schedule

cup = Snack

Most concrete type of visual schedule



ball = outside

## Stationary Object Schedule

Transition
Icon, used
to get
student to
his
schedule.



#### Stationary: Single Photo





#### Stationary: Part-Day Photo





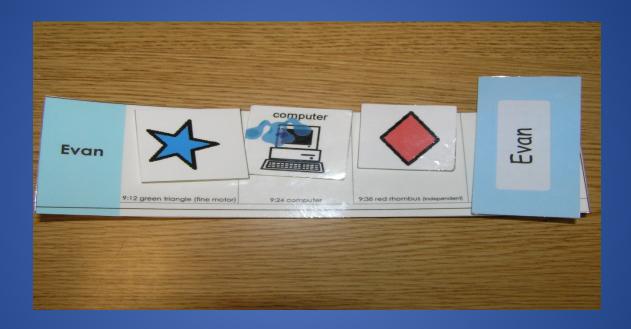
## Stationary Full-Day Icon Schedule







#### Portable Activity Schedule



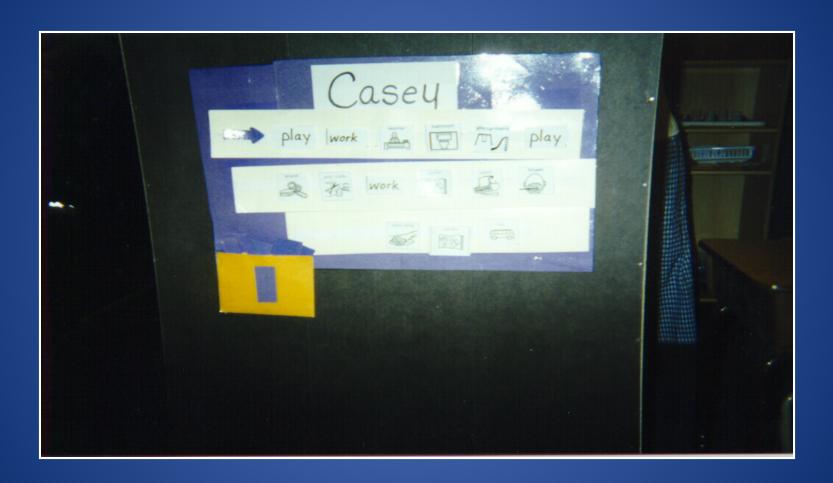


#### Portable Icon Word Schedules



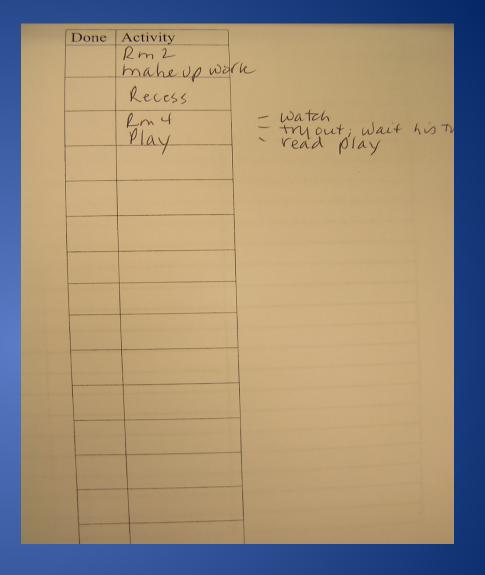


### Stationary: Written Word



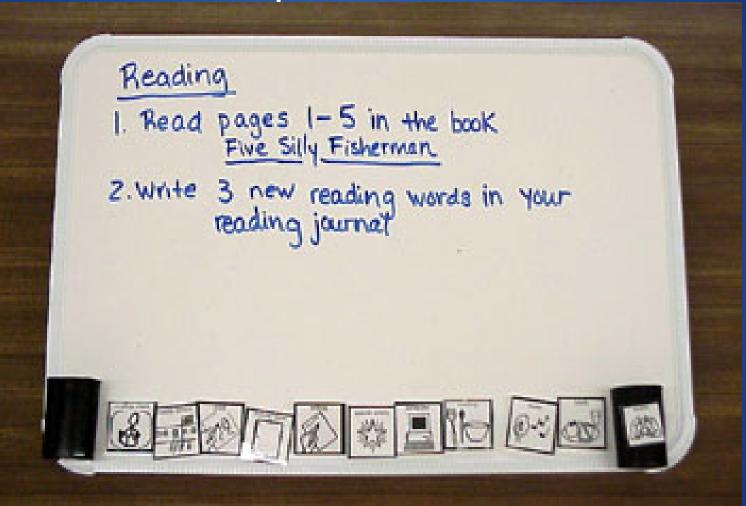


## Portable: Written Word





## Icon Schedule with Written Sequences Instructions





#### Which Schedule To Use:

- Conduct an individualized assessment of the learner's comprehension level, attention span, and sequencing abilities to select the appropriate schedule length and presentation format
- Use a schedule that will have MEANING to the student to assist with transitions and self regulation



## Teaching Student to Use an Individual Schedule

- Task Analysis of the steps in the schedule use routine
- Take baseline data
- Determine the prompt hierarchy needed to teach the skill
- Teach and take data
- Evaluate data to systematically fade prompts as independence is achieved



## AFIRM Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules

# Self Study Using the Internet Modules





Use the Implementation Checklist to Insure Fidelity Across Implementers

