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ABSTRACT

Social Stories constitute an intervention strategy for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The aim of the method is to eliminate pervasive problematic behavior, enhance social skills and appropriate behavior that have positive impact in social interactions and social functionality. The purpose of the current study is to analyze the literature reviews, which have researched and evaluated the existing bibliography with regard to the implementation of Social Stories in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In the theoretical part of the research, information about autism was given, in particular social skills of people with autism and Social Stories. In the main part of the study, a review of literature reviews that had been published until 2011 was conducted. Furthermore, the reviews and meta-analysis of the literature published in peer-reviewed journals in a period of time between 2012 to 2018, were thoroughly analyzed and studied. The conclusions of this research, highlight that Social Stories are an effective strategy and widely accepted by people associated with children with autism. It is a promising practice that warrants further research in order to be considered as an evidence based method. Future studies, should focus on generalization and maintenance of appropriate social behaviors. These factors affect the efficacy of Social Stories as an appropriate method to be implemented on children with autism.

KEY WORDS

Social Stories, intervention, Autism Spectrum Disorder, autism, social skills

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