# Number Eighty-Eight FACT SHEET



Soft Skills



### TYPES/PURPOSE

Soft Skills are essential interpersonal abilities that help individuals interact effectively and harmoniously with others. For individuals with autism, developing these skills can significantly impact their social integration and overall quality of life.

Communication Skills: Enhancing verbal and non-verbal communication.

Social Skills: Building relationships, understanding social cues, and engaging in social settings.

Emotional Regulation: Managing and expressing emotions appropriately. Problem-Solving Skills: Handling challenges and conflicts constructively.

Adaptability: Adjusting to new situations and environments with ease.

# SOFT SKILLS

# TEACH THE LEARNER

- 1. Identify Specific Soft Skills: Determine which soft skills are most beneficial for the learner.
- 2. Modeling Behavior: Demonstrate appropriate social interactions and communication methods.
- 3. Role-Playing: Practice scenarios to build confidence and experience.
- 4. Positive Reinforcement: Use encouragement and rewards to motivate progress.
- 5.Feedback and Reflection: Provide constructive feedback and allow the learner to reflect on their experiences.

## BENEFITS

Understanding and developing soft skills is crucial for individuals with autism. These skills can enhance personal interactions, improve job prospects, and support independent living.





### FEATURED APP/RESOURCE

"Social Skill Builder"

Description: Interactive games and scenarios that help children and adults with autism improve their social skills.

# REMINDERS

- Schedules and activities should be individualized and developmentally appropriate based on the learner's support needs.
- Choose materials and resources that are age-appropriate and relatable.
- Be patient and consistent, as skill development may take time.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Embedding Social Skills Fact Sheet Social Narratives Fact Sheet Social Skills Workshop



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