

# Assistive Technology

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# Communication

- How to better understand the communication status, progress, and unique needs at the early stages of communication.
- <https://www.communicationmatrix.org/>
- This is a free tool to help us understand our students communication status

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- Communication Matrix can be completed online or paper pencil.
- There is a cost for some reports, but they are not critical to understanding the students needs.
- A Community Forum - is a resource for anyone that supports individuals with severe communication disorders.

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My Kids Have Both **Autism** and Learning and Attention Issues, and It's Complicated



I've Heard That **Autism** and ADHD Are Related. Is That True?

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The Difference Between **ADHD** and **Autism**

Trouble paying attention to people. Being constantly on the move. Invading personal space, not readi...



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My son has a lot of trouble with social skills, and I'm beginning to suspect he has autism. What's t...

- The **Understood Team** is composed of writers, editors and community moderators, many of whom have children with learning and attention issues.
- Some information on this website discusses both **Autism** and **Learning Issues**.

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- **Is Understood for all parents?**
- We created Understood specifically for parents of children with learning and attention issues. Dyslexia and ADHD (which affects roughly one-third of kids with learning disabilities) are examples of common learning and attention issues.
- Understood may be helpful for parents whose children struggle because of [autism spectrum disorders](#), mental health issues or intellectual disabilities. But it's not specifically geared to meet their needs.