

Books

Understanding Charlie by Donna Anello

Looking for a fun and uplifting way to help a child understand why another child acts so differently? "Understanding Charlie" does just that. This is a story of one family's love for their wonderfully made child, a four-year-old boy with autism and sensory issues who is difficult to understand. Told through the eyes of Charlie and his older sister Amelia in a fun, rhyming style, the wonderful illustrations show that while Charlie may act differently, he is like other children in so many ways. Discussion questions are included at the end of the book to encourage children to share their thoughts and feelings about Charlie and his experiences. It's also a great resource to introduce the concept of inclusion for all children, whether their behaviors are difficult to deal with or at times inappropriate.

https://www.amazon.com/Understanding-Charlie-Wonderfully-Made-Children-ebook/dp/B074V1XWNV/ref=sr_1_1?crid=4VYTK8D5KCBI&keywords=understanding+Charlie&qid=1654227904&srefix=understanding+charlie%2Caps%2C172&sr=8-1

Understanding Reed by Donna Anello

Understanding Reed follows six-year-old Reed, a little girl with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) whose seemingly uncontrollable behavior puzzles and frustrates her classmates and friends. With fun rhymes and colorful illustrations, Understanding Reed provides an easy and uplifting way to help children understand the concept of inclusion and why another child may act so differently. Discussion questions included at the end of the book encourage children to share their thoughts and feelings.

https://www.amazon.com/Understanding-Reed-Wonderfully-Made-Children-ebook/dp/B07FQP7R5P/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1QXL0HX9IR0Y0&keywords=understanding+reed&qid=1654227730&srefix=understanding+read%2Caps%2C310&sr=8-1

Preschools/Schools/Centers

Dogwood (Atlanta) <https://www.dogwoodautism.com/services> *Has school based ABA*

Lionheart School (Alpharetta) <https://thelionheartschool.com/at-a-glance/>

The Hirsch Academy (Decatur) <https://hirschacademy.org/>

Live Oak Elementary (Covington)

<https://loes.newtoncountyschools.org/about-us/faculty-and-staff/special-needs-eip>

Jacob's Ladder (Roswell) <https://www.jacobsladdercenter.com/>

Ellis Center (Atlanta) <http://www.elliscenter.org/>

Atlanta Speech School (Atlanta) <https://www.atlantaspeechschool.org/>

Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett (Lawrenceville) <http://specialneedsschools.org/>

Emmy's Academy (Marietta) <https://emmysacademy.com/>

Frazer Center (Atlanta) <https://www.fraziercenter.org/>

Coralwood (Decatur) <https://coralwoodct.dekalb.k12.ga.us/AboutUs.aspx>

Cumberland Academy of Georgia (Atlanta)

<https://cumberlandacademy.org/about/mission-and-philosophy/>

MDE School (Marietta) <https://mdeschool.org/>

The Cottage School (Roswell) <https://cottageschool.org/>

Alexsander Academy (Alpharetta) <https://alexsanderacademy.org/>

Porter Academy (Roswell) <https://www.porteracademy.org/who-we-are/mission-beliefs-history/>

The Adaptive Learning Center (Kennesaw) <http://alckids.org/>

The Joseph Sams School (Fayetteville) <https://josephsamsschool.org/>
The Howard School (Atlanta) <https://www.howardschool.org/>
Early Emory (Atlanta) <https://early.emory.edu/>
Collective Learning Academy (Atlanta) <https://www.claoa.com/>
ClearWater Academy (Tyrone) <https://www.clearwater.academy/>
New Directions: Adult Autism Program (Suwanee) <https://newdirectionsforautism.org/>
Our World School (McDonough)
http://www.ourworldschool.org/?fbclid=IwAR0rL97qpcjrXLcv_NwtHy5Vh1nOs5HNQoG4cms9tYCeoaIbYCuwQ79gGWw
Stepping Stones: Educational Therapy Center (Griffin)
<https://www.steppingstonesschool.org/>
Elaine Clack Center (Chamblee) <https://reachingmilestones.com/>
SISU: Integrated Early Learning (Gainesville) <https://www.mysisu.org/>
Benjamin Academy (McDonough) <https://www.benjaminacademy.org/>

Higher Education

Kennesaw State University: The Academy for Inclusive Learning and Social Growth
<https://wellstarcollege.kennesaw.edu/academy/index.php>
Georgia State University: IDEAL Program <https://cld.gsu.edu/ideal/>
University of Georgia: Regents Center for Learning Disorders <https://www.rclld.uga.edu/>
Georgia Tech: EXCEL Program <https://excel.gatech.edu/>
Reinhardt University: SEAD/BOLD Program
<https://www.reinhardt.edu/academic-resources/academic-support-office/aso-programs-services/>

Research

Georgia College Transition Partnership Program
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EwBjKc2pBAZetz0GB9fJUlhFZWf1vICay7Jdj2rYZ1w/edit?usp=sharing>

Questions from the meeting:

What is the Home Bound Program? How do I qualify for this program?

Please see "Home Bound Program Information" link in resource email for more information.

Transportation for schools for school choice transfers?

From my understanding, this varies from county to county, although most of the information that I found stated that no transportation will be provided and that the parent is responsible for attendance.