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The bully

The victim

The bystanders

Parents/caregivers

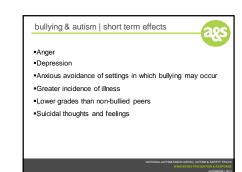
Teachers and other professionals

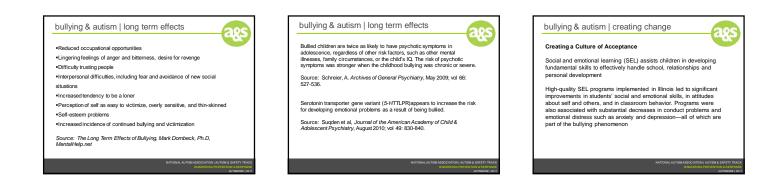
Administrators, legislators, policy makers

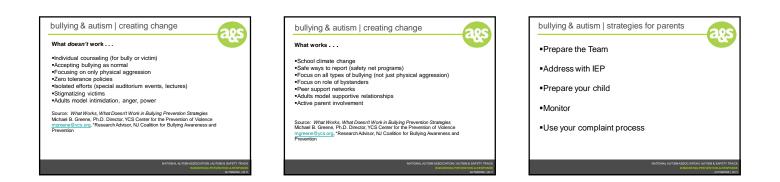
Reluctance to attend school
Emotionally sensitive behavior; anxiety
Change in daily routines, i.e. diet or sleeping patterns
Tom clothing, damaged books or other items
Cuts or bruises
Decline in academic performance

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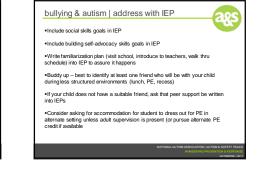
 Talk to administrators, school board about features of autism and problem of bullying: What is our districts'SEL? If we don't have one, why not? ars

•Communicate with teachers about your child's specific strengths and challenges (student portfolio)

 Include ancillary personnel (lunch room monitors, campus security guards, etc.)

Consider talking to your child's peers to enlist support

 Be polite, but make it clear to teachers, counselors, administrators that you will be involved in helping the team avoid your child's victimization due to their disability





 Talk to your child about friendships and how real friends behave
 If possible, obtain social skills training (Michelle Garcia Winner) even if you have to carry it out yourself

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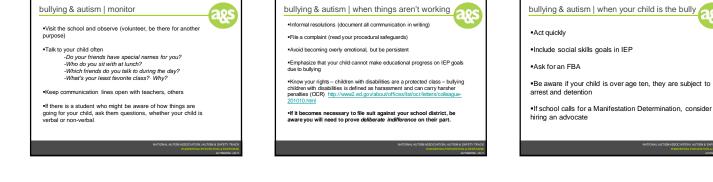
Visitthe school prior to the first day- walk through schedule

 Introduce your child to key players (teachers, security guards, front office personnel, counselors)

Help child get organized

Ask your child if they have any specific fears

 Emphasize their strengths, reassure them bullying is not their fault, many children experience bullying, and bullying is always wrong and must be reported





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Walk A Mile In Their Shoes, AbilityPath.Org

What Works, What Doesn't Work, by Michael Greene, NJ Coalition for Bullying Awareness and Prevention

From FindYouthInfo.org, US Government website

Bullying Experiences Among Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Bullying at School and Online

When Behavior is Caused by a Disability

