

My name is Annie Eskeldson. Thank you for Listening to this program. I have 2 children With autism, sensory processing disorder, apraxia of both speech and muscles. Central auditory processing disorder, adhd, and dysgraphia are also issues that we cope with at our house.

I have provided all of my children's therapy with great success and I am a homeschooler.

I am not a licensed therapist, but most therapists would agree that the hard work happens at home. My goal is to inspire you with ideas to help you work with your own children at your house.

Goals

- o Goal of this speaking engagement
- o Briefly: ECI
- o Ablls-R
- o Speech Therapy
- o Oral Sensory
- o Occupational Therapy
- o Sensory Integration
- o Give Resources and Encouragement

Typical day with my 3-4 year old ASD child.

- Non-verbal
- Transitioned Poorly
- Sensory issues
- Not potty trained
- Meltdowns

Mommy trying to smile through it all!



Ashi today:

She is smart, creative, witty, verbal, social - with all age groups. She is a very good friend, has manners, and is polite.

Ashi is also a straight A student using a college prep curriculum.



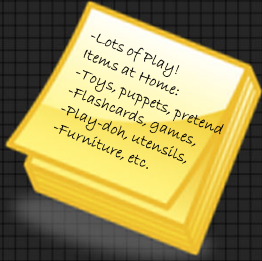
My husband and our son, Izaiah, age 3, also autistic, sensory issues, childhood apraxia of speech and muscles. He is currently non-verbal.

It's much easier the 2nd time around!



Where You May be on your Journey

- o ECI (Early Childhood Intervention)
 - o Government program
 - o Ages 2 and under
 - o Always participate
 - o Be there to learn
 - o Observe
 - o My Thoughts
 - o Focus: Strengths or Weaknesses
 - o Ignore strengths?
 - o Language
 - o Scary, dependent

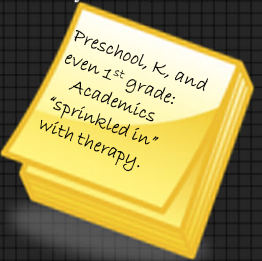


Journey Continued ...

- o IQ Testing
 - o Labels at age 2
 - o Generous with learning disabilities
 - o Numbers for funding
 - o Cannot dx, only doctor
 - o Positive Thought
 - o Supportive, stay in contact
 - o Age 3, Head Start
 - o Public Preschool
 - o You are in Public School System
 - o Remove for homeschooling

Where to Start?

- o Preschool and even early elementary may be mostly therapy.
- o Do your own personal evaluation of your child's skills.
 - o speaking and language
 - o Fine and gross motor
 - o Personal skills
 - o Social skills
 - o Academic skills
 - o Everyday skills
 - o Many others




ABLLS-R
(Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills – Revised)



The image shows two spiral-bound books with blue covers. The left book is titled 'The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills - Revised' and the right book is 'The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills - Revised'. A yellow sticky note is placed over the books with the handwritten text: 'You will need both books if you've Never used this Tool before.'

What is the ABLLS-R

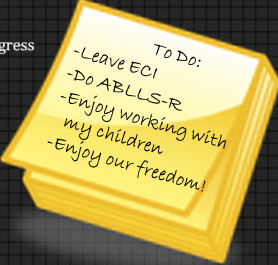
- o Assessment of Basic Learning and Language Skills – Revised
 - o Home
 - o Helps determine how your child is developing in 25 different skill areas.
 - o Helps determine what types of therapy your child needs
 - o Physical, Occupational, Speech, Sensory Integration, Others
 - o Not an IQ Test
 - o Allows you to graph your results
 - o Track your progress
 - o Ideas for therapy
 - o Can be used as IEP (individualized program)
 - o Lasts to age 5, special needs much longer.
 - o Cost is about \$70. Amazon, \$65
 - o <http://www.partitionbehavioranalysts.com>
 - o Others



A yellow sticky note with handwritten text: 'Save thousands in therapy costs!'

ABLLS-R Tips

- o Give yourself 1 to 2 weeks to fill it out.
- o Measures 25 different skill areas, very thorough.
- o Economical
 - o Lasts years
 - o Use it on other children
- o Free score sheets
- o Visual Aid for tracking progress



A yellow sticky note with handwritten text: 'To Do: -Leave ECI -Do ABLLS-R -Enjoy working with my children -Enjoy our freedom!'

Let's Move On To Therapy

- Speech Therapy
 - Apraxia
- Oral Sensory (brief)
 - Tools
 - Oral sensory issues
- Occupational Therapy
 - Apraxia of Muscles
 - Strengthening hands, fingers,
 - Arms, core
- Sensory Integration
 - Sensory seekers
 - Sensory avoider