

To: Parents of children on the autism spectrum

From: Louisiana Children's Discovery Center of Hammond and Southeastern Louisiana University's Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

About: PREPARATION PACKETS

Dear Parents,

Our goal is to help your child explore and enjoy the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center. To help achieve this, we have prepared descriptive Social Stories in PowerPoint format, and enhanced them with photographs and video clips. We hope you will use these stories to help your child know what to expect when he/she first visits the center. Here are some comments and suggestions for using the preparation packets:

- We have created Social Stories to enhance the exhibits that we plan to open on the first Spectrum Discovery Saturday. More stories are in the works for your future visits to the Center.
- Read each Social Story before showing it to your child. Some have one embedded video clip, and some have none. The video clips typically occur in the last few slides, and you must click on the picture to make it work.
- Read the Social Stories to your child repeatedly before you visit the Center. The idea is for the child to be as prepared as possible for what he/she will experience. You may want to print the story and make a book so your child can look at it in the car.
- If you like, you can personalize these Social Stories by adding your own child's picture (and/or pictures of other family members) to some of the pages.

We hope Spectrum Discovery Saturday is a great experience for you and your child!

To view the Social Stories on the CD please follow these instructions:

1. Place the CD in your computer and open.
2. There will be several PowerPoint files (each labeled PREP).
3. Double click on the PowerPoint file you choose to view (**Suggested order:** Entry, Play Area, Construction & Bubble).
4. The slide show will play **automatically** for you. Just click in the slide to advance from one slide to another (or use your right arrow key).
5. When you finish, close and open the next PowerPoint file on the CD.

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