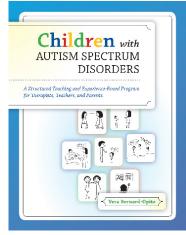
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A Structured Teaching and Experience-Based Program for Therapists, Teachers, and Parents

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This manual gives an overview of best practice interventions including applied behavior analysis, precision teaching, experience-based and visual approaches. These methods are integrated into the curriculum component of this manual, called **STEP** (Structured Therapy and Experience-based Programs). Guidelines are presented for parents and professionals to match the child's skill profile, learning style and interest to the best possible intervention method. Numerous case studies, examples, sketches and pictures make this book very reader-friendly. Reproducible forms are provided for skills assessment, data collection and teaching in the following areas:

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