



Top Ten Tips for Improving College Outcomes for Autistic Students

Students

1. Learn about your rights and how to advocate for them
2. Know yourself: how your disability affects you, your Executive Functioning strengths, and other strengths and barriers
3. Use your college resources: ADA accommodations, advisers, social clubs and activities, workforce training, tutoring, office hours, and more

Support Systems: Parents, Educators, Counselors

4. Learn and use equitable practices
5. Use Collaborative Problem Solving™ to include student in finding solutions and determining what they want and need
6. Understand and respect your students' rights as a college student, and, step in when appropriate

Institutions

7. Train faculty and staff in equitable practices and establish programs to increase success for marginalized student populations.
8. Support accessible materials and practices from departments and faculty, including Plain Language and Universal Design
9. Support staff to establish programs that go beyond support to develop neurodivergent students in areas of career, self-advocacy, executive functioning, identity development, social involvement, and more.

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10. Promote Interdependence rather than independence as a life skill. Everyone is stronger when we rely on each other and use our strengths to support each other.

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