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Autism treatments: New guide to help parents

A new brochure, available from today, will help parents of children with autism match up the best treatment for their child's condition.

“Early and effective treatment is crucial in getting positive results for children with autism, so parents need more information on the best treatments available,” the Assistant Minister for Health and Ageing, Christopher Pyne, said when launching *Early Intervention For Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Guide For Parents*.

Mr Pyne said the Australian Government produced the new brochure as a guide to help parents find the most appropriate treatment for autism to suit their child's particular condition.

“Autism is a complex disorder. There is no known cure,” Mr Pyne said.

“But there are treatments that can help. Many different treatments are available - with varying levels of evidence for their effectiveness.

“This brochure, which has been developed by experts in the field, summarises the research available about different types of treatments and it provides information and contact details for programs available in Australia,” Mr Pyne said.

Further information: the brochure, and a more comprehensive report “A Review of the Research to Identify the Most Effective Models of Practice in Early Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders”, can be found at:

www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-child-aut.

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