Dental Tool Kit for Children with Autism

Autism Speaks partnered with Colgate and Philips-Sonicare to create a Dental Toolkit including a dental guide and video for families of children with autism and dental professionals.

Visits to the dentist and oral care at home can be difficult for people with autism.

Click <u>Dental Toolkit</u> to access the video and <u>Dental Guide</u> to read the accompanying guide.

These tools are designed to:

- help families and caregivers find the right dentist
- teach families and caregivers how to effectively prepare for a visit to the dentist
- decrease anxiety about going to the dentist
- provide information for families to help begin a lifetime of good oral care
- provide dental professionals with tips about how to make the experience more successful for their patients with autism

The video shows a visit to the dentist by a child with autism:

- forms to use for your visit
- a visual schedule to help the child understand the steps involved in a routine dentist appointment
- information about oral care at home