Summary:

What are the accepted procedures to manage behaviour?

A simple 8 step procedure can be used to manage challenging behaviour in ASD children.

1. Determine the intent of the behaviour and record events which led to it.
2. Focus on the intent of the behaviour and do not provide a response to negative behaviour.
3. Provide instructions and information in the simplest possible form.
4. Encourage alternative forms of response and attempt to model behaviour.
5. Use a range of materials and resources to teach social play with peers.
6. Define various situations and model the correct behavioural response.
7. Attempt to simplify and organise situations.
8. Look carefully and analyse responses. Reflect on the positive and negative points and make future adjustments.

- It is important to keep the individuals best interests at the forefront of management.
- Most importantly, ASD children require simple, concise and routine support.

References


Journal Article:

Behavior Management Services for Children with Autism/PDD: Program Description and Patterns of Referral

Summers, Houlding & Reitzel (2004) examine the current trends, patterns and programs available to children and families dealing with ASD and PDD (pervasive developmental disorders) behavioural problems. Their article seeks to promote awareness, covering a wide range of information pertaining to medical services. The sample group consisted of 52 individuals, 40 of which were boys. The information is highly relevant to educators, professionals and families with an ASD child.

The research included the recording of
- The families’ primary behavioural concerns;
- Medication;
- Referrals;
- Level of function;
- Schooling; and
- Language.

Results showed that “Positive behaviour support represents a broad approach to addressing problem behaviours; …behaviour management should be viewed as one component in a continuum of services for children, adolescents, and adults with autism/PDD and their families.” (Summers, Houlding & Reitzel, 2004).

Resource:

Autism Queensland

Autism Queensland is a key resource and support network for families dealing with ASD. It provides coverage of articles, resources, videos, support groups, specialists and other necessary information. The company's president, Dr. Robert van Barneveld, expresses hope and support for families affected by ASD and believes Autism Queensland's support benefits all involved.

The websites articles also focus on behaviour management programs and methods of integration. I would recommend this website to anyone needing further assistance helping children with ASD.