



# The PLAY Project Newsletter



**April is World Autism Month!**

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**The PLAY Project team is sending you  
and your loved ones well wishes  
during this time of uncertainty.**

*Visit [The PLAY Project blog](#) for a  
[COVID-19 Guide](#) with free resources!*



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## World Autism Month

Dr. Solomon's Writings: Blogs and CADRRE

### Dr. Solomon's Blogs

In honor of World Autism Month, we are releasing four blog pieces written by Dr. Solomon!

"In this new series of blog posts, I will explore the theme of autism and society, of understanding human nature as seen through the lens of autism."

The blogs will be released weekly on [PLAYProject.org](http://PLAYProject.org) beginning the week of April 6th.

### Dr. Solomon Highlighted in Upcoming Book from India

The Center for Autism and other Disabilities Rehabilitation Research and Education, [CADRRE](http://CADRRE), in India has asked Dr. Solomon to contribute a chapter about The PLAY Project to a book which will “shed a light on autism with the aim of disseminating credible information and strategies to parents, caregivers and professionals to address the various challenges associated with autism.”

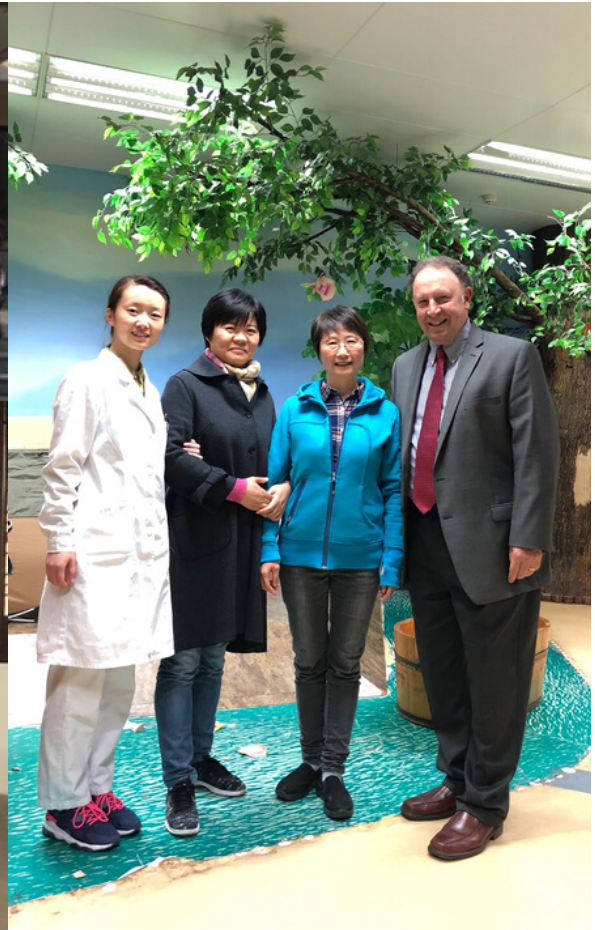


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## World Autism Month China Expansion



**The PLAY Project is excited to continue training professionals in The PLAY Project methods and principles to bring services to families and children throughout China.**

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## World Autism Month St. Kitts Spectrum Services Centre Update

An update from Sheryl Rosin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP:

“The families of children with autism from the St. Kitts Spectrum Services Centre continued their “PLAYing” in the water with dolphins! The children used their FDLs by interacting with the dolphins and staff. They shared attention, engaged, and communicated back and forth with the adorable creatures. Click [here](#) to see a video of the experience!

Secondly, we are growing our services in St. Kitts and will be bringing an American SLP in May to live on Island. She will be the first Speech-Language Pathologist to live and work on the Island. She will use the Play Project with the children!

Lastly, in our efforts to grow and expand our services, we will be relocating our facility to a bigger and better place where children will receive ancillary interventions in addition to the Play Project. The new facility will include a 3,000 square foot sensory gym to help improve the children’s sensory regulations.”



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## World Autism Month

### World Autism Month Webinar Bundle

**“Survival of the Tastiest: Why Children with Autism Are Picky Eaters and How to Help Parents Expand Their Children's Diets Without Hassles or Anxiety.”**

Recent research shows that children with autism spectrum disorders are 5 times more likely to have eating issues than typical children. In this webinar, Dr. Solomon reviews the research, summarizes what experts recommend for expanding the diets of children with autism, and shares some insights based on his 25 years of talking to parents about their picky eaters.

**"Sleep and Children with Autism."**

Trouble falling and staying asleep are very common in children with autism (and typical children too!). In this webinar Dr. Solomon will offer practical advice on the importance of sleep hygiene, sleep onset associations, separation anxiety, the Ferber Method, and medications for sleep problems.

[\*\*Purchase now!\*\*](#)



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## World Autism Month

### Autism: The Potential Within

*Autism: The Potential Within* describes the journey of Jacob Grant – a composite of all young children with autism – and his family as they learn The PLAY Project approach. Through a series of office visits, Dr. Solomon empowers Jim and Julie Grant to be Jacob’s best play partners. He also guides them on how to use Jacob’s misbehavior – tantrums in public, sibling rivalry, picky eating and sleep problems – to help him learn appropriate behavior and social skills. Over time, Jacob moves from nonverbal to constantly talking, and from self-isolation to being warmly connected.

**Get 50%  
off now!**

*“What I believe is that parents need to be and should be their child’s best play partner and best helper. This book is really designed to help parents do that and to become connected to their children” - Richard Solomon, MD.*





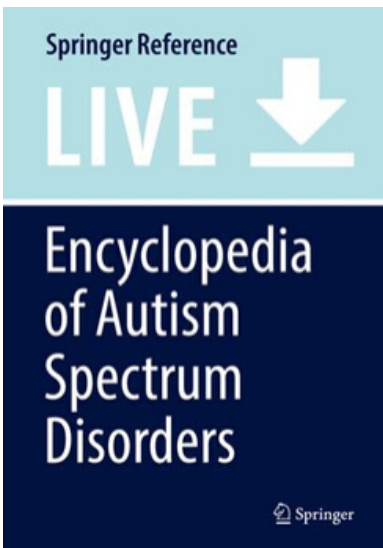
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## Congratulations!

### Grant Award and Encyclopedia of ASD

Hai Li, MD, Ph.D., has been awarded the 2020 International Science and Technology Joint Research Funding Project grant. Dr. Solomon is the co-investigator for the research project, which will study the mechanism of intervention play on social attention and brain connectivity in children with autism. The grant is made possible by the Science and Technology Innovation Committee of Shenzhen Municipality.



The PLAY Project is included in the *Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders*! "The *Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders* serves as a reference repository of knowledge in the field as well as a regularly updated conduit of new knowledge long before such information trickles down from research to standard textbooks. The Encyclopedia consists of 5 volumes and approximately 1,500 entries divided by the major conceptual areas of ASD and PDDs." Click [here](#) for a preview of the article.



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## Congratulations! Keynote Presentation

Dr. Solomon, founder of The PLAY Project, was the keynote speaker at The Autism Alliance of Michigan's 2020 Navigating Autism Today Conference. Dr. Solomon presented "Born to Play: 5 Practical Lessons from Play Science About Autism and Human Development."



*Pictures courtesy of Autism Alliance of Michigan*



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## Workshop Recap

### The PLAY Project's Autism Intensive Workshops | Winter 2020:

- South San Francisco, California
- Dallas, Texas

Child development professionals, autism advocates and parents of children with autism from across the world attended this quarter's Autism Intensive Workshops.

Thank you to: Speech Goals Speech Therapy (California), Care Options for Kids (Texas) and Parkland Community Health Plan (Texas).



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## Postponed Workshops

### The PLAY Project's Autism Intensive Workshops

- Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada | September 24th & 25th, 2020
- Williamsburg, Virginia, United States | TBA

**"At The PLAY Project's Autism Intensive Workshop I learned how PLAY ABSOLUTELY fits in with my program! Attending this workshop has changed my therapy/play for the better when working with children with ASD" - Jodie K.**



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