

# Angelman syndrome (AS)

## Therapies for AS Behaviours

**Angelman Behaviours** - An informational series on Angelman Syndrome Behaviors - funded by the Canadian Angelman Syndrome Society (CASS) and the Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF), and developed by the ASF.

Dr Chris Oliver has researched **Challenging Angelman Behaviours**, His presentations explore the more common forms of challenging behaviour in children and adults with Angelman syndrome. There is a description of how genetic disorder can influence behaviour and information on the forms of the behaviours and changes with age, followed by a description of the main causes of behaviours such as aggression to others. Pain can often be the trigger for challenging behaviours.

Methods for assessing causes are described and a range of intervention techniques are presented with advice on evaluating how effective different techniques are. Throughout the presentation there is an emphasis on early intervention, the importance of consistency across environments and linking cause to intervention. His workshops are beneficial not only for parents, but also therapists, educators and carers.

## RDI – Relationship Development Intervention

Practical skills that can be achieved using various therapies:

- Yes/No – shaking head in the correct direction
- Learning how to point (for communicating & to use technology effectively)
- Walking technique on treadmill in physical therapy: Gait Training
- Hand-under-hand learning/participation – useful for eating with a utensil
- Toilet training by routine