Rising numbers of young children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders means more students with ASD entering pre-school and the elementary grades. For these young learners, individualized instruction toward measurable goals is crucial to effective education. The COMPASS program—Collaborative Model for Promoting Competence and Success for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders—has been developed to improve outcomes for these students in the unique context of their lives.

**Collaborative Model for Promoting Competence and Success for Students with ASD** builds consulting and ASD knowledge competencies while working with families and teachers in a systematic, empirically supported consultation program. The book offers a framework for individualized assessment and program planning based in students’ life experiences along with family and teacher input. At the same time, its two-tiered consultation/coaching strategy is designed to minimize the setbacks that occur even in optimal family and classroom situations. Protocols, scripts, forms, and case examples are included for a complete guide to facilitating successful learning.

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