

STORIES FROM OUR FAMILIES

"Andy has autism. Before SPIO, he had difficulties focusing and wouldn't participate in school due to his sensory challenges. Our therapist recommended a shirt and pants and since then we have noticed his self esteem has improved and his teacher has noticed he has improved focus and pays more attention in class. He enjoys wearing the SPIO so much that he took it out of a pile of clothes and brought it to me because he wanted to wear it. He will stand in front of the mirror and just look at himself with his SPIO on. He is also one of those kids that likes to be in the nude and is difficult to keep clothes on. He leaves the SPIO on. It's amazing!"

"My daughter loves her SPIO shirt and pants! She wakes up in the morning asking if she can wear her "costume" today. Her walking is better, her stairs are better, even her thumb on her affected hand is so much better with the glove. I am so happy that I decided to give SPIO a chance."

~Jennifer Thorp
Montesano, WA

"The first time [Tim] wore his SPiO at school, his education assistant said he didn't want to do any work, but sat and looked at everything in the room - "as if he'd never been there before." I am a grandmother raising a grandchild and I have no training in therapy or medical background, but I do know it helps him know where he is, freeing his energy to pay attention to life."

~ Carol

"Four weeks after we had Maria fit for a vest, we noticed she had more muscle control all over her body. She is trying to walk forward now not just backwards like she used to before her SPiO, and she seems to focus on more with her eyes. She has more control over her mouth where before it was open all the time and we have noticed she is eating better. The SPiO vest is not too warm for Maria and she will wear it all day. She likes wearing it!"

~ Hector and Delfin

"The body suit (unitard), t-shirt, and hand glove have been wonderful! It's incredible when he has the suit on and when he doesn't."

~ Angie

“Thank you for making the shorts. The shorts help me with my knees. They help me feel where my body parts are. They help my hip because my right hip pops out a little.”

~ Nadia

Malachi and SPIO: A match made in heaven!

Malachi was born premature, with multiple drugs in his system, mainly cocaine and heroine. He was three months old when we adopted him and we started him in therapy right away. He said no to everything, is oversensitive, constantly makes odd sounds, and cannot stop moving (ever) - jumping, climbing, kicking. At age three, Malachi was tested with SID and that's when we learned about SPIO. He immediately turned into a different child!

Everyone who knows him noticed the difference. I had the SPIO off to wash it and when I picked him up from school his teacher asked, "Where is his [SPIO]? After today I don't know how we functioned without it!" SPIO helps calm him, he is happier, and is more compliant. The change is so immediate that every time, my 13 year old shakes his head and says, "That is so weird". As far as we are concerned, the SPIO has changed our lives!

~Dawn Person

Kent, WA

Aaron is a six year old with autism, and he loves his SPIO (aka his Batman Suit)! As soon as he puts on the pants and shirt he calms down and becomes more focused. His therapist has said that he is more engaged, has better eye contact, and concentrates better with it on. One of the assistants at school said he was a different kid with it on, and I got a note home asking if it was lost because he hadn't worn it for a couple of days. He has even brought it to me so I would put it on him! I would have never thought that something like this would have made such a difference. You have to see it to believe it! Thanks so much!

~Danica

Stanwood, WA