



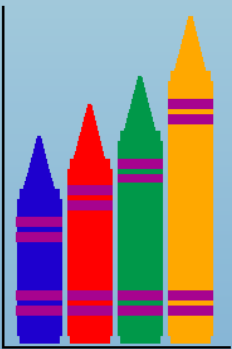
Improving Social and Behavioral Outcomes for Children with Autism



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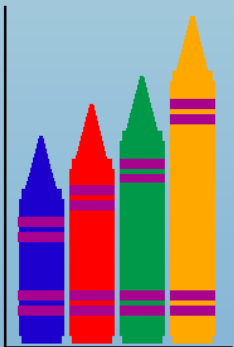
Why Be So Concerned About Social Skills

- Best predictor of positive, long term outcomes for people with special needs
- Foundation upon which many other crucial skills are built
- Often the first priority for families



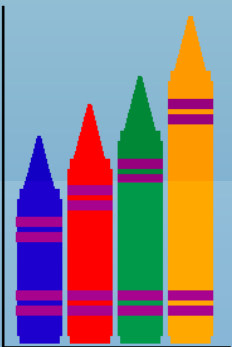
What Matters Most: Factors Predicting the Best Intervention Outcomes

- Daily access to typical peers who have received specific training to engage in persistent social overtures
- Large numbers of adult-arranged opportunities to engage in interactions with peers (100+)
- Fidelity of peer and adult intervention



What Outcomes Are Achievable?

- Day One Intervention Effects
- Social participation reaching levels equivalent to typical peers within 8 weeks
- Length of interactions equivalent to those for typical peers within 40 weeks
- Reciprocity of interaction achieved within 70 weeks



Achievable Outcomes, cont.

- These effects maintain for at least six years without continued, intensive intervention.
- Problem behavior with peers reduced to essentially zero within 4 weeks.
- Typical peers' attitudes are far more positive and accepting.
- Barbershop Video

