Using Pretend Play to Improve Communication in Young Children With Autism

INTRODUCTION

This webinar will explain how improving pretend play skills in preschool children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can “play it forward” to improve a wide array of social and communication skills. The presenters will provide practical information to aid speech-language pathologists in selecting goals and strategies that will support the expansion of pretend play in young children with ASD.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:
- explain to parents, teachers, and administrators how working on pretend play goals can contribute to improved social and communication skills in children with ASD
- use a developmental play sequence to choose appropriate, individualized pretend play goals, and apply decision rules to determine when to modify play goals
- select play intervention strategies adapted to behavior and learning patterns common among young children with ASD

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Play Intervention: Strategies and Examples ....................................................................... 60 min.

Handouts
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References
Skill Levels Across Four Categories of Play
Play Levels
Structured Assessment of Play Worksheet
Unstructured “Experience-Based” Assessment of Play Worksheet
PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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