What are Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) for ASD?
Learning Outcomes

• Participant will be able to:
  – Name the two resources for Evidence-based Practices for ASD
  – Understand that CAPTAIN is the statewide implementation initiative for ASD
  – Know that the CAPTAIN website and its social media are the statewide “clearinghouse” for ASD resources
  – Articulate why EBPs need to implemented
  – Understand why fidelity of EBP implementation is critical
  – Name reliable ASD online EBP learning modules
  – Know that there is an online learning course about ASD available at no cost
PRE-ASSESSMENT
CAPTAIN Website Hosted by DCN!

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Links to ASD Resources

CAPTAIN Social Media Links
How many results do you think you would get if you did a Google search for: “AUTISM TREATMENT”?
About 46,500,000 results (0.92 seconds)

Autism Research & Cord Blood - Read about the Phase 1 Trial
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  – Included research for the years: 1957-2007
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• In 2010, 24 EBPs
  – National Professional Development Center (NPDC)
  – Included 10 years, 1997-2007

• In 2014, 27 EBPs
  – 2nd review by NPDC
  – Included 22 years, 1990-2011
    • 29,101 possible studies → 456 studies
    • RCT, quasi-experimental, single case design
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  – 351 articles (ages 0-22) and 27 articles (ages 22+)
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What’s in this report?

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NPDC definition of an EBP:

“Focused intervention practices that have substantial evidence for effectiveness in promoting positive outcomes for learners with ASD”
NPDC Criteria for EBP

To be considered an EBP for individuals with ASD, efficacy must be established through peer-reviewed research in scientific journals using:

- At least two high quality experimental or quasi-experimental group design articles conducted by at least two different researchers or research groups

OR

- At least five high quality single case design articles conducted by at least three different researchers or research groups having a total of at least 20 participants across studies

OR

- A combination of at least one high quality experimental or quasi-experimental group design article and at least three high quality single case design articles conducted by at least two different research groups
What are these 27 EBPs?

The 27 EBPs are listed and defined in Table 7 of the report!
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<td>Differential reinforcement of Alternative, Incompatible, or Other Behavior (DR/A/O)</td>
<td>Provision of positive/desirable consequences for behaviors or their absence that reduce the occurrence of an undesirable behavior. Reinforcement provided: a) when the learner is engaging in a specific desired behavior other than the inappropriate behavior (DR), b) when the learner is engaging in a behavior that is physically impossible to do while exhibiting the inappropriate behavior (DR), or c) when the learner is not engaging in the interfering behavior (DR).</td>
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<td>Discrete trial teaching (DTT)</td>
<td>Instructional process usually involving one teacher/service provider and one student/client and designed to teach appropriate behavior or skills. Instruction usually involves massed trials. Each trial consists of the teacher's instruction/presentation, the child's response, a carefully planned consequence, and a pause prior to presenting the next instruction.</td>
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<td>Extinction (EXT)</td>
<td>Withdrawal or removal of reinforcers of interfering behavior in order to reduce the occurrence of that behavior. Although sometimes used as a single intervention practice, extinction often occurs in combination with functional behavior assessment, functional communication training, and differential reinforcement.</td>
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<td>Functional behavior assessment (FBA)</td>
<td>Systematic collection of information about an interfering behavior designed to identify functional contingencies that support the behavior. FBA consists of describing the interfering or problem behavior, identifying antecedent or consequent events that control the behavior, developing a hypothesis of the function of the behavior, and/or testing the hypothesis.</td>
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<td>Demonstration of a desired target behavior that results in imitation of the behavior by the learner and that leads to the acquisition of the imitated behavior. This EBP is often combined with other strategies such as prompting and reinforcement.</td>
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<td>Naturalistic intervention (NI)</td>
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<td>Parent-implemented intervention (PII)</td>
<td>Parents provide individualized intervention to their child to improve/increase a wide variety of skills and/or to reduce interfering behaviors. Parents learn to deliver interventions in their home and/or community through a structured parent training program.</td>
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<td>Peer-mediated instruction and intervention (PMII)</td>
<td>Typically developing peers interact with and/or help children and youth with ASD to acquire new behavior, communication, and social skills by increasing social and learning opportunities within natural environments. Teachers/service providers systematically teach peers strategies for engaging children and youth with ASD in positive and extended social interactions in both teacher-directed and learner-initiated activities.</td>
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<td>Pivotal response training (PRT)</td>
<td>Pivotal learning variables (i.e., motivation, responding to multiple cues, self-management, and self-initiations) guide intervention practices that are implemented in settings that build on learner interests and initiative.</td>
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<td>Promoting (PP)</td>
<td>Verbal, gestural, or physical assistance given to learners to assist them in acquiring or engaging in a targeted behavior or skill. Prompts are generally given by an adult or peer before or as a learner attempts to use a skill.</td>
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<td>Group or individual instruction designed to teach learners with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) ways to appropriately interact with peers, adults, and other individuals. Most social skill meetings include instruction on basic concepts, role-playing or practice, and feedback to help learners with ASD acquire and practice communication, play, or social skills to promote positive interactions with peers.</td>
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<td>Small group activities characterized by their occurrences in a defined area and with a defined activity, the specific selection of typically developing peers to be in the group, a clear delineation of theme and roles by adult leading, prompting, or scaffolding as needed to support students' performance related to the goals of the activity.</td>
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FACT SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR EACH OF THE 27 EBPs

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27 EBPs Matrix
Available on the CAPTAIN Website
English and Spanish and German!
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As you watch the video clips use the EBP Matrix as a reference and see if you can determine which EBPs were in place.
What EBPs did you see?
Implementation Fidelity is Critical!

What does this mean?

“Implementing an intervention in the same manner in which it was done in the evidence-based research”
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Source:
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**How implementation fidelity achieved:**

1. Use Implementation Checklists for the EBP to capture fidelity of implementation
2. Refer to EBP Fact Sheets
3. Use reliable self-learning modules on EBPs
4. Attend training on the EBPs
5. Access coaching on the EBP until fidelity is attained
High Quality Training:  
**Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules (AFIRM)**

Designed to help you learn the step-by-step process of planning for, using, and monitoring EBPs with learners with ASD from birth to 22 years of age

[Website Link](http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/afirm-modules)
AFIRM
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What you’ll learn with AFIRM Modules:

- Key components of an EBP
- Behaviors and skills that can be addressed
- A step-by-step process for applying the practice
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**Upcoming:**

- PII  Parent-implemented Intervention
- VM  Video Modeling
- CBI  Cognitive Behavior Intervention
Helpful AFIRM Learning Module!
How to Select an EBP
http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/selecting-ebp

Watch a Short Overview Video on the Selecting EBP Process

Before beginning any new practice or intervention with a learner, it is important to follow four general planning steps. The four-step process includes:

- Identifying the behavior
- Defining the antecedent of the behavior (collecting baseline data)
- Establishing an observable and measurable goal or outcome
- Choosing an EBP

Identify the behavior or skill

To help you select the best evidence-based practice to use with your student, it is important to identify the target behavior. The target behavior must be observable and clearly defined in the setting where it occurs. All team members should be able to identify the behavior (including its frequency and duration) based on the clarity of the definition of the behavior.
## Visual Supports (VS) Implementation Checklist

### Before you start:

- **Have you...**
  - Identified the behavior?
  - Collected baseline data through direct observation?
  - Established a goal or outcome that clearly states when the behavior will occur, what the target skill is, and how the team will know when the skill is mastered.

If the answer to any of these is "no", refer to the "Selecting EBPs" section on the website.

### Step 1: Planning

1.1 Identify visual supports needed to acquire or maintain target skills
1.2 Develop/prepare visual support for learner based on individualized assessments
1.3 Organize all needed materials

### Step 2: Using

2.1 Teach learner how to use visual support
   - **Boundaries**:
     - Introduce boundary to learner
     - Use modeling to teach learner to stay within boundary
     - Use reinforcement to encourage learner to stay within boundary
     - Use corrective feedback when learner does not stay within boundary
   - **Cues**:
     - Show learner visual cue
     - Stand behind learner when prompting use of visual cue
     - Use concise, relevant words/terms while teaching visual cue
     - Assist learner in participating in activity/event with visual cue
   - **Schedules**
     - Stand behind learner when prompting use of visual schedule
     - Place schedule information in learner’s hand
     - Use concise, relevant words/terms
     - Assist learner in getting to designated activity/location, and prompt
     - Ensure learner remains in scheduled location until prompted to use
     - Repeat steps until learner is able to complete the sequence independently across activities/locations
2.3 Use visual supports consistently and across settings

### Step 3: Monitoring

3.1 Collect data on target behaviors and use of visual supports (independence during use and progress through forms/types of supports)
3.2 Determine next steps based on learner progress

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Checklist ensures fidelity!
AFIRM Certificates

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Resources for Older Individuals with ASD

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http://csesa.fpg.unc.edu
Presentation 1:

Characteristics and Practices for Challenging Behavior

*NOTE: If you have having difficulty with the video links embedded as part of the presentation, link to the link on this page: http://cesa.fpg.unc.edu/understanding-autism-presentation-1-videos

- Facilitator Notes
- Participant Handout
- Activity Worksheet
- At My School Worksheet

Please review this notification of a video change made for Presentation 1, Repetitive Behaviors and Restricted Interests video (slide 17).

Presentation 2:

Strategies for Classroom Success and Effective Use of Teacher Supports
Use these Quick Links on the CAPTAIN website to access these EBP resources!
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Based on research conducted in the field from 2007 to February 2012

Provides an update to the previously published summary of empirical treatment literature (2009)

351 articles (ages 0-22) and 27 articles (ages 22+)

included studies if the interventions could be implemented in or by school systems, early intervention, home, hospital, vocational, and/or community-based programs or in clinic settings

www.nationalautismcenter.org
Strength of Evidence Classification System

**Established:**
Sufficient evidence is available to confidently determine that an intervention produces favorable outcomes for individuals on the autism spectrum. That is, these interventions are established as effective.

**Emerging:**
Although one or more studies suggest that an intervention produces favorable outcomes for individuals with ASD, additional high quality studies must consistently show this outcome before we can draw firm conclusions about intervention effectiveness.

**Unestablished:**
There is little or no evidence to allow us to draw firm conclusions about intervention effectiveness with individuals with ASD. Additional research may show the intervention to be effective, ineffective, or harmful.
The National Standards Project-Phase 2 (NSP2)

Overall Findings for Individuals Under Age 22

• 14 Established Interventions

• 18 Emerging Interventions

• 13 Unestablished Interventions
The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Established level of evidence:

- Behavioral Interventions
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package
- Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment for Young Children
- Language Training (Production)
- Modeling
- Natural Teaching Strategies
- Parent Training
- Peer Training Package
- Pivotal Response Training
- Schedules
- Scripting
- Self-Management
- Social Skills Package
- Story-based Intervention

14 ESTABLISHED INTERVENTIONS (for individuals under age 22)
Emerging Interventions are those for which one or more studies suggest they may produce favorable outcomes. However, before we can be fully confident that the interventions are effective, additional high quality studies are needed that consistently show these interventions to be effective for individuals with ASD. Based on the available evidence, we are not yet in a position to rule out the possibility that Emerging Interventions are, in fact, not effective.

A large number of studies fall into the Emerging level of evidence. We believe scientists should find fertile ground for further research in these areas.

The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Emerging level of evidence:
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices
- Developmental Relationship-based Treatment
- Exercise
- Exposure Package
- Functional Communication Training
- Imitation-based Intervention
- Initiation Training
- Language Training (Production & Understanding)
- Massage Therapy
- Multi-component Package
- Music Therapy
- Picture Exchange Communication System
- Reductive Package
- Sign Instruction
- Social Communication Intervention
- Structured Teaching
- Technology-based Intervention
- Theory of Mind Training
Unestablished Interventions are those for which there is little or no evidence in the scientific literature that allows us to draw firm conclusions about their effectiveness with individuals with ASD. There is no reason to assume these interventions are effective. Further, there is no way to rule out the possibility these interventions are ineffective or harmful.

The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Unestablished level of evidence:

- Animal-assisted Therapy
- Auditory Integration Training
- Concept Mapping
- DIR/Floor Time
- Facilitated Communication
- Gluten-free/Casein-free diet
- Movement-based Intervention
- SENSE Theatre Intervention
- Sensory Intervention Package
- Shock Therapy
- Social Behavioral Learning Strategy
- Social Cognition Intervention
- Social Thinking Intervention

13 UNESTABLISHED INTERVENTIONS
(for individuals under age 22)
Research Findings for Adults (22+ Years)

Established Interventions for Adults

The only intervention to be identified as Established for individuals ages 22 years and older is Behavioral Interventions. The Behavioral Intervention category consists of applied behavior analytic interventions to increase adaptive behaviors and decrease challenging behaviors. Examples of specific strategies identified in the 17 articles supporting Behavioral Interventions are provided in the table on the following page.

Emerging Interventions for Adults

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- Vocational Training Package

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The following interventions have been identified as falling into the Unestablished level of evidence:
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package
- Modeling
- Music Therapy
- Sensory Integration Package
NSP2
Example of EBP

Modeling

Established Intervention

One of the most effective ways to teach someone what to do is to show him or her how to do it. The goal of modeling is to correctly demonstrate a target behavior so the person learning the new skill can then imitate the model. Children can learn a great deal from observing the behavior of parents, siblings, peers, and teachers, but they often need to be taught what behaviors should be imitated.

Basic Facts

Number of articles reviewed:
NSP1 = 51
NSP2 = 28

Effective ages: Children and adolescents 3-18 years

Skills increased:
- higher cognitive functions (NSP1)
- academic (NSP2)
- communication, interpersonal, personal/responsibility, and play (NSP1 & 2)

Behaviors decreased:
- problem behaviors (NSP1)
- sensory or emotional regulation (NSP1)

Detailed Description

There are two types of modeling—live and video modeling.

Live modeling occurs when a person demonstrates the target behavior in the presence of the child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). When providing live modeling:
- Clearly outline, in writing, the target behavior to model.
- Ensure all individuals modeling the target behavior are doing so in a consistent manner. It may be helpful for parents/caregivers/therapists to practice together to make certain each person provides the same model.
- Obtain the child’s attention prior to modeling the target behavior.
- Develop a plan to fade or stop the use of modeling to encourage the child to independently display the target behavior.

Video modeling occurs when you pre-record a person demonstrating the target behavior. Video modeling can be a great option for children/adolescents with an affinity for television shows, movies, or interest in seeing themselves on a monitor (i.e., television screen, computer monitor, video recorder monitor). Some children/adolescents may enjoy assisting in the production of the video.
NSP2
Recommendations For Intervention Selection
Established Interventions have sufficient evidence of effectiveness

“We recommend the decision-making team give serious consideration to these interventions because:

• these interventions have produced beneficial effects for individuals involved in the research studies published in the scientific literature

• access to interventions that work can be expected to produce more positive long-term outcomes

• there is no evidence of harmful effects

However, it should not be assumed that these interventions will universally produce favorable outcomes for all individuals with ASD”
NSP2
Recommendations For Intervention Selection

EMERGING INTERVENTIONS

“We generally do not recommend beginning with these interventions.

However, Emerging Interventions should be considered promising and warrant serious consideration if Established Interventions are deemed inappropriate by the decision-making team, or were unsuccessful in producing positive outcomes.”
UNESTABLISHED INTERVENTIONS

“Unestablished Interventions either have no research support or the research that has been conducted does not allow us to draw firm conclusions about intervention effectiveness for individuals with ASD.

When this is the case, decision-makers simply do not know if this intervention is effective, ineffective, or harmful because researchers have not conducted any or enough high-quality research.

Given how little is known about these interventions, we would recommend considering these interventions only after additional research has been conducted and this research reveals favorable outcomes for individuals with ASD.”
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Why Are these EBP resources so important?
Knowing of these EBPs:

– helps us know which treatments have evidence of effectiveness and which treatments do not

– allows us to make informed decisions when we select treatments

– provides us with the opportunity to support individuals with ASD in reaching their full potential
Implementing EBPs goes right along with……

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
(4) A statement of the special education and related services and supplementary aids and services, based on peer-reviewed research to the extent practicable, to be provided to the child, or on behalf of the child, and a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided to enable the child--
(i) To advance appropriately toward attaining the annual goals; 
(ii) To be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum in accordance with paragraph (a)(1) of this section, and to participate in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities; and 
(iii) To be educated and participate with other children with disabilities and nondisabled children in the activities described in this section;
IDEA 2004
Part C: Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities

SEC. 635. REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE SYSTEM
(a) In General.--A statewide system described in section 633 shall include, at a minimum, the following components:

(2) A State policy that is in effect and that ensures that appropriate early intervention services based on scientifically based research, to the extent practicable, are available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, including Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on a reservation geographically located in the State and infants and toddlers with disabilities who are homeless children and their families.

SEC. 636. INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN
(d) Content of Plan.--The individualized family service plan shall be in writing and contain--

(4) a statement of specific early intervention services based on peer-reviewed research, to the extent practicable, necessary to meet the unique needs of the infant or toddler and the family, including the frequency, intensity, and method of delivering services;
EVIDENCE-BASED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term ‘evidence-based’, when used with respect to a State, local educational agency, or school activity, means an activity, strategy, or intervention that—

(i) demonstrates a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes based on—

I) strong evidence from at least 1 well designed and well-implemented experimental study;

II) moderate evidence from at least 1 well designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

(III) promising evidence from at least 1 well designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; or

(ii)(I) demonstrates a rationale based on high quality research findings or positive evaluation that such activity, strategy, or intervention is likely to improve student outcomes or other relevant outcomes; and

(II) includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such activity, strategy, or intervention.
Definition of Evidence-based in ESSA

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(B) DEFINITION FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THIS ACT.—When used with respect to interventions or improvement activities or strategies funded under section 1003, the term ‘evidence-based’ means a State, local educational agency, or school activity, strategy, or intervention that meets the requirements of subclause (I), (II), or (III) of subparagraph (A)(i).
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Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS): A Comprehensive Framework for Implementing the CCSS

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Implementing the CA CCSS Through MTSS

“. . . Implementing the Common Core State Standards within a framework of a Multi-Tiered System of Support will help ensure that all students have an evidence-based system of instruction to assist them in achieving success.”

(Gamm, Elliott, Halbert, et. al., 2012)
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MTSS Principles and Practices

- Early Intervention
- Multi-tiered model
- Evidence-based supports and practices
- Fluidly driven by data
- Individualized interventions
- Principles of UDL
- Differentiated learning
- Integration of intervention and instructional supports
- Classroom instruction aligned with the CA CCSS
- Strong, predictable, and consistent classroom management structures
Implementing EBPs Aligns With CCSS Instruction and UDL

The principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) provide a framework for educators to use:

- multiple ways to teach the content
- multiple ways for students to demonstrate knowledge
- multiple ways to engage ALL learners
Implementing EBPs goes right along with Senate Bill 946……

Health and Safety Code Section 1374.73 (4)(c)(1)
Insurance Code Section 10144.51 (4)(c)(1)

"Behavioral health treatment" means professional services and treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis and evidence-based behavior intervention programs, that develop or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual with pervasive developmental disorder or autism and that meet all of the following criteria…”
Implementing EBPs goes right along with the Lanterman Act……

“4686.2. (b) Effective July 1, 2009, notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation to the contrary, regional centers shall:
(1) Only purchase ABA services or intensive behavioral intervention services that reflect evidence-based practices, promote positive social behaviors, and ameliorate behaviors that interfere with learning and social interactions…”
"4686.2. (d) (3) "Evidence-based practice" means a decision making process that integrates the best available scientifically rigorous research, clinical expertise, and individual's characteristics. Evidence-based practice is an approach to treatment rather than a specific treatment. Evidence-based practice promotes the collection, interpretation, integration, and continuous evaluation of valid, important, and applicable individual- or family-reported, clinically-observed, and research-supported evidence. The best available evidence, matched to consumer circumstances and preferences, is applied to ensure the quality of clinical judgments and facilitates the most cost-effective care."
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“Children and families cannot benefit from evidence-based practices that they do not experience.”

-Dean Fixsen, NIRN, 2006

http://nirn.fpg.unc.edu/
Post-Assessment
What did you learn?
What are Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) for ASD?