Naturalistic Intervention
Fact Sheet

**Brief Description**
Naturalistic intervention (NI) is a collection of practices including environmental arrangement, interaction techniques, and strategies based on applied behavior analysis principles. These practices are designed to encourage specific target behaviors based on learners’ interests by building more complex skills that are naturally reinforcing and appropriate to the interaction. Naturalistic intervention occurs within typical settings, activities, and/or routines in which the learner participates.

**Qualifying Evidence**
NI meets evidence-based criteria with 10 single case design studies.

**Ages**
According to the evidence-based studies, this intervention has been effective for toddlers (0-2 years) to elementary school-age learners (6-11 years) with ASD.

**Outcomes**
NI can be used effectively to address social, communication, behavior, joint attention, play, and academic skills.

**Research Studies Providing Evidence**


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