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Hi, everyone and thank you for calling in 2 signals autism awareness series. My name is Shelby, and I am a care manager for the autism specialty team due to the format of this call.

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Number on the back of your insurance card. So today the pleasure of introducing grace Gomez and the lease handles, man.

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Increases a bilingual board, certified behavior analyst. She started her career in the field of applied behavior analysis back in 2005 shortly after graduating from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in psychology and child development.

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Grace completed her masters in education. masters in education

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From California state, University, long beach in 2008, she pursued her BCBA certification through Florida tech since then she has fulfilled many roles from a therapist, senior therapist, clinical supervisor and clinical director.

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She has worked with clients between the ages of 18 months to 17. months to seventeen

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Years of age, and a variety of studying,

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such as in home clinic school and community changing the lives of children with autism is her passion she gains reinforcement from helping to improve the lives of our clients as well as helping to shape the professional careers of the staff, she oversees.

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And just a fun fact about grace, she enjoys painting and her free time is still a spending time, trying new restaurants with her family.

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And grace, I like that too. I love trying new restaurant.

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At least started her career as a social worker, and an inpatient hospital in 2012 where she was 1st, exposed to applied behavior analysis.

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She then obtained a 2nd, master's and applied behavior analysis and received her supervised experience hours as a registered behavior therapist that verbal beginning. that verbal beginning

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In 2018, at least became a board certified behavior analyst, and gained experience, providing early intervention services in the field and consulting with residential settings.

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In 2020, at least return to verbal beginnings of the clinical supervisor became a program coordinator and eventually an assistant clinical director.

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At least as passionate about incorporating her experience with trauma informed care as a social worker and to her evidence based work as a behavior analyst Lisa is a proud mother of a 3 year old name.

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Tv TV Yep. And enjoy spending the weekends with her family and dogs.

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And so you ladies can take it away.

25 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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So this is just a variety of programs that we offer here at verbal beginnings. So we do early intervention. That's what me and grace are involved in. But we also have in home therapy, social skills and then we have a feeding program as well.

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We can go to the next slide. Please. So, I know you just gave a great introduction, but just a little bit more about me. So, my name is lease handles, man.

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I did, I started my career as a social worker, but now I'm a BCBA and I've been working in the field since 2019, but I did not become a BCBA until 2018. bcba until two thousand and eighteen

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Currently an assistant, clinical director at verbal beginnings, grace, and I have the same role and yes I'm very passionate about incorporating trauma informed care into my work as a BCBA and then yes. Fun. Fact, I do have a 3 year old daughter named.

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I do this all for her, and then I really enjoy spending time cooking with my family, trying new restaurants and spend time with.

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Dogs.

32 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Next slide, and thank you for that. Nice and production. So here's the slide. Um, with a little bit more information about me and, um, just like the least said we share the same role.

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Um, at our I am at the Columbia location. She's in millersville here in Maryland.

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And but I love what I do, I've been doing this for a long time,

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I really love working with and really in helping to empower them so that they can in turn support the families and the clients that we serve on a daily basis.

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So, improving their quality of life is really why I do what I.

37 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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What I do on a daily basis.

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Next slide. All right so, grace, and I just want to say that we don't consider ourselves experts in the area of trauma, informed care. We have done a lot of extensive research, but I don't know if we would qualify as experts.

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We also don't consider ourselves experts in Neuro diversity or really many of the behavioral strategies that we'll be discussing. How are we.

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Do you want to shed some light on some of the conversations within our community regarding our past history our current practices future treatment options so our history really helps to guide our future decisions. We make us practitioners.

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To ensure that we're working with our population with compassion and understanding of trauma, informed care. And then I also want to note that will occasionally be using disability 1st, language over person 1st language as the research indicated that many consider autism is part of their identity.

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Next slide please so our objectives from for today, we want our participants to be able to define trauma informed care as it pertains to APA therapy and autism services.

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We want them to be able to compare conflicting perspectives of therapy.

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And be able to speak to the process of conducting a risk benefit analysis when considering the different intervention options.

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Next slide thanks Lee so to kick us off, um, I want to start off 1st with talking about the current debate regarding trauma informed care.

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So the, the discussion of trauma informed care is becoming more prevalent within the field of.

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Applied behavior analysis or and historically, um, and and within the field, we've relied heavily more on, uh, intrusive procedures.

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However, our ethics continue to guide us away from set strategies, which leaves us with the debate between.

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Effectiveness and using a more trauma informed care approach.

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So you may be wondering well, what exactly is trauma informed care and in the next few slides, we touch on what it is and how it can help to improve the field of.

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Next slide, there are several definitions for trauma and trauma informed care out there but, um, there's definitely some common characteristics of those definitions that are included in this chart.

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So this, um, a trauma informed care was originally defined by the substance.

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Use and mental health service administration in their 2014 manual titled concept of trauma and guidance for trauma informed approach.

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They defined trauma as the result of violence abuse, neglect, discrimination, loss and other. loss and other

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Really harmful experiences, and this chart does a really nice job of highlighting the core concepts of trauma informed care. They essentially.

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Share that when we utilize a trauma informed approach, we are ensuring that 1st and foremost, the emotional and physical safety of the client in those around them is secured.

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It also means that we are collaborating with the individual receiving the treatment and.

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Providing them with choices as well as sharing power over the decision, making process throughout their treatment.

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Also this treatment, or using a trauma informed care approach,

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allows us to build a sense of trust with the individual while also helping to empower them by building their skills.

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Next slide to help better understand why this approach would be beneficial for the field of it's important to share a quote by the substance abuse and mental health service administration.

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They state that trauma has no boundaries. It is an.

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Almost universal experience of people with mental and substance use disorders and the need to address trauma is increasingly viewed as an important component of effective,

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behavioral health service delivery as such trauma, informed care, something that we as should begin to.

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Address and incorporate into our treatment delivery.

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Next slide several articles dating from 1998 to the present show, that childhood trauma and adversities often lead individuals to develop life-threatening adult diseases and psychiatric disorders.

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Trauma also has no. psychiatric disorders trauma also has no

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Boundaries it affects individuals across ethnicities, gender and race.

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And in the next slide, Elise will talk more about trauma and its effects.

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All right, thank you. Grace so yes, so this slide goes into some detail about the prevalence, a trauma amongst the autism community as well as the impact it can have on the brain.

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So, according to, at all, it was a 2018 study, they looked at exposure to trauma and how it was associated with higher rates of adult, psychiatric disorders, and then poor, functional outcomes.

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And within the article that claim that by age 16, almost 31% of children were exposed to 1, traumatic event. exposed to one traumatic event

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22 are exposed to 2 and 14% were exposed to 3 or more so very common. And these numbers highlight. That trauma is very common, but also very preventable.

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And then a study by Stack in Lucian from 2018 I looked at an article in the Journal of autism and developmental disorder that looked at literature regarding trauma and autistic individuals,

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and really highlighted the parts of the brain that are affected by traumatic stress. So those parts include the Pre frontal cortex. pre frontal cortex

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medulla the hippocampus and these areas they help with managing the ability to regulate behaviors and emotions and memory.

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So 2nd, Lucian also share that caregivers play a very important role in mediating children's fight or flight response by helping them come until their central nervous system is fully developed, which doesn't happen.

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Until around age, 25.

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And then they go on to provide some examples of when a child is not Su, while under extreme duress they may develop problems with impulse control aggression,

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emotional regulation and even cognition and they discuss the relationship between PTSD and reduced hippocampal volume, which the hippocampus plays a really vital role in responding to.

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Stress explicit memory and fear conditions.

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So, in regard to autism and trauma, they cite that autistic and individuals may be at an increased risk for exposure to traumatic life events.

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And 1, important thing to note is that the symptoms of a traumatic, traumatic stress, and autism may be very similar, which can pose the question is the symptoms of things like hyper arousal or flatten add factor difficulties with the.

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And a symptom of a diagnosis, so the autism diagnosis, or is it possibly associated with trauma?

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Next slide please. So, now that we addressed the prevalence, I do want to point out how this plays a role and applied behavioral analysis, and it's possible harmful effects. So the field has started to address criticisms surrounding ABA.

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We'll still advising that we should be interpreted in these criticisms with caution.

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So, before I get into the exact criticisms of, I do want to start off by addressing some of the flaws in the research surrounding these critiques. So, 1 of the things mentioned is hypothesis testing bias.

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So some of the researchers are putting out findings that have, uh, the people putting out the findings, have this Pre documented negative view of.

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And when research is designed, either to prove or disprove a hypothesis that can lead to developing methods to support or negate that hypothesis. So, whether that's intentional or unintentional, it happens.

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And also a lot of the research utilized indirect measures, such as surveys and self report data is notoriously known to be.

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Inaccurate and the research referenced loose correlations, which can never be deemed as causation.

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And then the respondent selection was flawed so people who participated in the surveys, or either professionally diagnosed or

self diagnosed however, no proof of diagnosis was obtained.

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So, it's hard to tell really how many were professionally diagnosed and how many were self diagnosed and then 47% were caregiver. were caregiver

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To someone who received ABA, which makes it really difficult to record on things, like private events or intrusive thoughts, nightmares, those types of things.

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And then, I think most importantly, there was a lot of ambiguity in the APA interventions. That were described. So, it was really unclear if the findings were.

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Related or associated with poorly done, which leaf at all says ABA done badly is in fact not. So that really limits the utility of our findings. If we don't know what interventions that they're referring to.

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We can't really discuss the potential harmful of aspects of those.

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And then also, they were asking very leading questions in their research. They would ask questions such as are you embarrassed by the services you received? Or did you meet the therapist goals rather than did you make your own treatment plan goals?

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So, now that we talked about kind of the criticisms to the research, I do want to talk about the actual criticisms to APA therapy. So, there is research out there by Sandoval and Norton, and they make some inaccurate claims about so, on this slide.

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You can see the claims that ABA promotes prompt dependency. It only works for children with particular characteristics.

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So, I believe they're speaking about only works with vocal learners. ABA includes methodologies that are considered out of date and ineffective.

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And it has no data that showing its effectiveness over the long term and then Dawson, at all from 2010 claims that this is not accurate. And I can kind of go into some of their claims. So looking at is long term ABA harmful.

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So, they state that ABA is unethical and can cause harm and ABA strategies violate the ethical obligation to do. obligation to do

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You know, harm and the response to that is that clinicians are taught to follow very, very strict, ethical guidelines, and we really utilize our code to maximize our benefits and minimize hard harm. Sorry? And that we practice within our scope.

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Um, and we seek out additional training and supervision as needed.

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And then our plans should really be based off of the client's needs and what is socially significant to them and their families. And then as far as prompt dependency.

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They claim the clients are responding to prompts rather than their environment, but our goal, when we go in and we start programming is to fade out prompts and plan for generalization as quickly as possible.

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And there's actually been some studies that shown that if you teach children, like, teaching them scripts or using video modeling.

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We're able to fade those and then novel responses emerge.

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And then, only for the criticism that ABA only works for children, with particular characteristics of there was a 2010 study that looked at 146 participants who had an IQ under 70 receiving early intervention.

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And they found that ABA is effective for both vocal and non vocal learners. for both vocal and non vocal learners

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And then the claim that ABA is out of date and ineffective, we are endorsed by the surgeon general in regards to decreasing problem behavior, or increasing communication as well as learning appropriate social behavior.

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And we're also endorsed and recommended by the Association for science and autism treatment.

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And then, in regards to not having the data to show effectiveness over the long term is another study they state that this is another inaccurate claim and there's several different sources that show the long term benefits of ABA.

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Next slide please. Okay so we are switching gears a little bit and we're going to start to get into some of the more heavily criticised, uh, interventions.

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So, um, the 1 I want to talk about and then we're gonna talk about some alternatives to those interventions. So, we're going to talk about 1st, is toilet training. Um, this is something.

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And that a lot of times we'll do through family training, we may do it in the clinic with the family, or generalize it to the family. But historically, and then, even today many toileting protocols in were based off of research from 971. so, pretty old research.

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so pretty old research

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On rapid toilet training, and this procedure includes a pretty intensive approach to toileting. So 1 of the participants had an accident, they would be prompted to address themselves and then shower and dress themselves again.

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They would be asked to obtain a mop and clean the soiled area.

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They were asked to hand, wash their soil pans, bring them out hang them up to dry and then there was also a timeout procedure.

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So pretty intensive, pretty hands on, but the results did show that it was very effective. So incontinence so accidents were reduced by 90% almost immediately and then eventually to 0, and these results maintained over 140 days.

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hundred and forty days

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So, again, a lot of are not using this as it was written in 971, but they are taking components of it.

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So, although very effective, it was very intrusive and not very trauma informed. So I want to look at a less restrictive, intrusive alternative for consideration. That's thought to be more trauma informed.

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So there is a study done by Cicero and fat, and they looked at a more naturalistic, less intensive approach where they would allow these participants free access to liquids and they would give them a variety to prevent association or them just getting bored of the same thing.

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Over and over again, and then it was just a combination of a prompted schedule or a.

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Prompting to the toilet in response to an accident, and they were provided with tons of praise, tons of tangible reinforcement after urinating.

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And if they did not go to the bathroom, the only consequence would be, you don't need to pee and then they would just be prompted to pull up their pants and move on with their day.

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And then if an accident did occur, a response was delivered in an attempt to kind of interrupt that. So something that you would probably see when toilet training a toddler where they start to have an accident that you would go. Oh, no, no, no. Come on. You.

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P on the party, and you would usher them over to the toilet in hopes that they could then have some success on the toilet and access reinforcement.

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So, the findings for this were slightly slower rates of acquisitions side, there's a child crying outside my door, but slightly slower rates of acquisition than facts and algorithms. So around 11 days, and it removes the punishment, but maintains the structure.

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And this is something that's easier to generalize in home or school settings and the toileting.

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The games were maintained for over a year.

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Next slide please. So, Here's some considerations, and we'll talk more at the end about conducting a risk benefit analysis for 1, to decide what strategy to use.

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But when deciding between a more intensive approach or other approaches some things, you might want to consider our past attempts to toilet train. So.

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Is this the 1st, or 2nd time you're trying to toilet train or is this something that has been ongoing for for months or years? How old is the client? Are they really at that toilet training age of, you know, 23 or 4?

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Or, are they a little bit older school aged, or even beyond that? Do they have a ton of preferences or is a reinforcement based. based

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Strategy maybe not going to be the best way to go with them.

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And how necessary is it is being toilet trained to participating in a less restrictive setting, like camps or schools and then is not being toilet, trained, limiting their access to intervention.

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And then, I think above all the person's dignity and privacy should be a consideration. So, if there are, you know, an older child or an emerging teenager, and they're going through these changes to get a pull up changed or or their pants changed frequently um.

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We kind of need to think about that as well when making the decision of what types of interventions to utilize.

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And then, um, graceful continue on talking about feeding intervention

in the next slide.

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Thank you Ali, so, as the least mentioned,

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another topic for discussion is using ABA methods to help improve behaviors related to mealtime compliance in article from sharpen colleagues,

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shared that about 1 and 3 children with a disability. We'll.

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Clinically significant feeding concerns often, meaning that they're feeling to meet their caloric and or nutritional needs.

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Another article looked at a comparison of eating behaviors between children with and without, and they found that autistic children had attended.

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And see to refuse more foods, require specific.

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Presentation of foods,

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they required specific utensils and also presented rigidity when it came to food textures when compared to the control group and there are a lot of options for treatment.

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However, historically our treatment options have relied on some more.

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Restricting procedures is, I will discuss in the next slide.

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1 of the restrictive interventions is.

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Escape extinction now, when we look at a compilation of these studies,

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we found that escape extinction was the treatment choice for about 83% of the treatment used in these studies and I want to take a moment to define what escape extinction means implementing extinction.

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implementing extinction

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Means that we no longer reward a behavior that may have been previous server rewarded.

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So, if escape extinction is used in real time compliance programs, then that means that we're no longer allowing that child to escape those mealtime request.

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Essentially, meaning that they no longer are allowed to get out of eating foods that they don't like, or are refusing this presents some challenges. If we're looking at things from a compassionate care lens.

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There are also limitations to using this type of treatment since we may potentially see other behaviors pop up, which we call these side effects.

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And we may also see that the problematic behavior gets worse before it gets better.

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Also, we might see an increase in how often the behavior happens as well as how long it last. Sometimes we even see aggression pop up as well as other new problematic behaviors.

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So, to sum this up, what we see happening, when we implement this type of intervention.

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Or treatment is that, um, the individual really tries very hard to get out of a meal time routine so they begin to engage in some new behaviors that we might not have seen before.

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So what are their options? Do we have 1 discussing mealtimes support for these learners?

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And in the next slide, we'll discuss an alternative some alternative strategies.

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There are alternatives to using escape extinction and they're they are definitely more on the side of being trauma informed.

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So there's preventative and reinforcement based interventions that fit really nicely with a trauma informed care.

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Approach 1 study by pen, rod, and Fernand in 2012 they looked at using a strategy where the, um, they have the individual complete 2 to 3 simple demands,

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such as looking at the food, or touching the food and then they would present the more. present the more

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Difficult demand, which was eating the food. Now, they, they found that this strategy was successful in helping those individuals, expand their food acceptance and also reduce their food refusal.

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And other studies have also looked at modifying the type of food presented and also food texture, which also resulted in increased food acceptance.

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Therefore, it's, it's nice to know and it's important to know that there are alternative strategies to traditional methods.

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Um, and it's helpful to know this so that we can try to take on a more trauma, informed care approach in our interventions.

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Next sign punishment is another treatment options that is sometimes considered controversial punishment occurs when something is presented after behavior and it

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results in that behavior occurring, less often in the future.

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This can help to decrease how often that problematic behavior happens or any behavior. Um, it may also help to decrease the duration or intensity of that behavior.

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And there's definitely a lot of types of punishment procedure so there's timeout losing access to privileges, or even physical punishment.

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However, punishment does have its downsides as it may cause the individual to engage an aggression or other novels.

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Problem behaviors.

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Well, we do have an ethical responsibility to use least restrictive procedures. It is important to remember that there may be times when

punishment may be the most ethical option.

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Sometimes the severity of the behavior and the potential for harm may.

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Warrant punishment, especially when dealing with behaviors that are dangerous to the client, or other people. In fact, it may be the only safe option for some learners whose lives are in danger.

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Therefore, it's punishment should be available to individuals that need this type of treatment.

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1, other thing to consider is, um, that punishment is also sometimes preferred by clients and there's several studies that demonstrate this.

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While punishment may be deemed controversial. I really want to point out that punishment is a natural part of our day to day life.

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We all learn through consequences and sometimes those consequences can be punishing and in turn reduce our behavior.

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And as we're on the topic of, you know, or as we speak of, uh, controversial topics, Elise will talk about the topic of intervening on stereotype in the next slide.

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Sorry, I realized I muted myself. All right starting over. So yeah, another topic we want to discuss right now is kind of the hot topic of intervening on.

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So, if you don't know stereotype or these repetitive, rhythmic often, bilateral movements with a fixed pattern. So, a lot of times we might refer to, like, hand flapping.

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And it is 1 of the diagnostic features of autism.

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But the criticisms to intervene on stereotype is that people see this as similar to nail biting or playing with your hair or things. I'm sure we're all kind of doing right now as we're talking or tapping something, which really leads to the question of which movements need to be intervened on.

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And which don't and then who gets to decide and it's related.

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Some people say that it's really related to trying to alleviate these painful sensory hyperactivity feelings.

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So, cutting him in Sri BRM looked at how stereotypically may impact learning and can be socially stigmatizing and not age appropriate and in turn parents may find it difficult to bring their children in places.

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It's because it may impact their involvement in community based settings.

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Cutting him also states that stereotypic can directly.

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Interfere with learning and that the children that engage in really high levels of stereotypically may be fail to learn really simple discrimination tasks.

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So, there are many approaches to probably the most well known 1 that is utilized is called response, interruption in redirection or R.

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D, and response blocking, which simply just means blocking the, um, the, the 1 I want to highlight, though, is a function based 1 and thought to be a little bit more.

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Informed meaning that it's really trying to replace that automatically maintain function or that sensory need that the individual is getting.

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Um, so it's teaching skills that meet that same need to give that same reinforcement that provides an, an alternative way to more intrusive methods of just blocking it.

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And redirecting the individual, so the study sought to teach a functionally equivalent behavior. So, leisure skills or play skills.

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So, you may notice that emphasize and focus on play very early on in the treatment process in order to really increase these leisure skills because a lot of times as we see leisure skills increase, we can.

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Stereotype and repetitive behaviors decrease, so there are a couple of different conditions that they implemented. So they had this activities only condition, which served as a baseline session.

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So these children were allowed free access to competing items and toys. And then the next condition was the same type of condition, except this time the.

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Sure, it was prompting the individual to engage with the items so they might just manually gently guide their hand to the items or model how to play with the toys or even give a verbal cue of oh, let's play or play with the toys.

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And then the 3rd condition is activities plus, prompting plus blocking. So, this is where we do unfortunately see that blocking, come back into play. Um, there was identical to the 2 other conditions, except response blocking was introduced.

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Meaning if the kid was a hand, flapping the research. And my research, my gently reset the client's hands.

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And then the last condition was this activities, prompting blocking plus additional reinforcements. So they would reinforce whenever the client wasn't engaging in stereotype.

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Or whenever the client was engaged with the toys or the leisure items, and they did find that there was an increase in engagement with the activities and a decrease in when all of those components were present.

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So they still did need that blocking component.

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So, the limitations to this, though, is that it took hundreds of sessions to develop these leisure skills and there's an extensive amount of work in time needed in order to really change this automatically reinforce stereotype.

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And it may not be generalizable to other settings outside of like, a 1 to 1 type of ratio.

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Next slide please. All right so some other considerations when thinking about, should we be intervening on so, who's the client?

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Is it the child or the person that we're actually working hands on with? Are we thinking about the families wants or the family's needs.

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stereotypic dangerous or does it impact learning? Um, how often is it happening? Is it something that's happening in these very isolated times? Or is this something that's happening all day? Every day?

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And what's the social significance of it? And will these interventions that we put in place? Will they generalize to less restrictive environments? Because if they, they won't, you know, we're kind of setting this child up for failure and what benefits does it bring to the client?

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So, are they a stakeholder in their intervention? Do they get a choice and you'll see that kind of as this ongoing theme as we continue on is, does the client have a choice of whether, or not we're going to intervene on their.

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Next slide please, so switching gears a bit I do want to discuss intervening on eye contact so, um, a lot of times that's our 1st course of action. So, is the client attending to us by making eye contact?

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Are they looking people in the eye when their name is called? Um, but are we also asking ourselves if this is necessary for skill acquisition or.

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For learning new things and then who gets to decide that. This is a must have skill. So part of that Sandoval and Norton article that I referenced earlier. Really?

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Criticisms, criticizes interventions, on eye, contact and states that forcing a child to engage in eye contact is irresponsible. When understanding the autistic brain, and they.

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Site research that looks at hyperactivity in various areas of the

brain, which can maybe explain these aversive reactions to.

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And this is seen in the over stimulation and the, the activation of the amygdala when I gaze is held for a prolonged period of time.

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And then when I was researching for this, I did find some articles from.

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Years ago that cited effective strategies for eye contact in the form of actually holding a person's head in place until eye contact was maintained. So a pretty intensive.

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Intervention really hands on maybe not trauma informed care. So I did want to talk about some other ways. We can intervene on eye contact and highlight maybe a less intrusive intervention than head holding.

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So at all the compared social stories. So, they would provide participants with stories that.

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They explained the importance of eye contact with peers to the participant.

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And they would view the social story on a tablet and it really just kept emphasizing how important eye contact is. And then they had a video modeling condition where 2 researchers were engaging in the conversation. And then they would briefly pause.

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And it would zoom in on the eye contact with the text that would say good eye contact. And then each condition.

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Followed by 3 minutes of conversation with the participant where the duration of eye contact data was taken and the study found that.

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Video modeling wasn't a really effective and resource efficient intervention for eye contact.

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However, social stories was not found to be effective, but the study did not evaluate if eye contact is associated with improvement in other areas, which I think is a very important component to look at.

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Next slide please. So it's direct eye contact, important or attending skills enough. Meaning just looking towards the speaker.

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Um, so things to think about, is this an important skill for the client does the lack of eye contact impact the individual's ability to connect with other socially.

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Again, who was getting to decide if this is socially significant.

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Are there any cultural considerations we should be thinking about? Is it.

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Maybe seen is disrespectful to not engage in. I contacted within that person's culture.

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And again, can they make that choice? Do they have to say if this is something that they would want to work on.

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Next slide please. So when discussing ABA interventions, I do think it's very important to include the viewpoint of someone who is autistic.

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So, kayleen, George, she is a advocate and a blogger, and she's diagnosed with autism and she speaks out a lot about how, when ABA is criticised. A lot of.

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Clinicians will say, well, the new APA is different or clinicians haven't done that in years.

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And she does want to continue to highlight that. The primary goal of is sometimes.

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Um, changing behavior and that behavior is communication. So, are we implying then that autistic behaviors are bad or are we implying that we should be changing their behaviors to fit that of their neuro typical peers?

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She also states that were very compliance based therapy. Meaning that therapy is only successful if compliance is maintained and I know that historically we have regularly use terms in many, still do as instructional control.

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Like, oh, I obtain instructional control and I've tried to shift my language to be more of oh, I've obtained instruction.

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Responsiveness meaning, that I've maintain a really good relationship with this child that they want to work with me, and they want to learn new things and they want to show me all of the things that they can do because they find me reinforcing and they find me fun.

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And then without preferred, and that, we would hold preferred items until compliance is received and she actually uses the example of a spouse. So, if your spouse had asked you to unload the dishwasher, or do laundry, and you didn't do it.

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And then they refused to hug you or talk to you or maybe they wouldn't

allow you to watch TV until you follow.

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That would probably feel pretty crummy and then she talked about teaching children that their body might not not necessarily be there as we do a lot of prompting to teach new skills,

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or we may be asking children very young children to sit at the table over the long run, and how that can maybe impact other areas of their life and that.

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Sometimes we tend to focus on rewards over the natural motivation of the.

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And then she did reference intensive hours, especially when children are receiving ABA in conjunction with speech or aux T or physical therapy.

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And that children as young as 2 may be a lot of therapy that could be equivalent to that of a full time job, especially when other therapies are involved and they might not be afforded that same luxury of free time and unstructured play.

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So, I think these are all really important things to consider as the field continues to move towards this compassionate care ABA approach.

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And then grace will talk about.

263 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Um, our ethical code in the next slide. Please, thank you, Elise.

264 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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So, we've discussed a lot about trauma informed care and I do want to bring up our, um, the behavior analytic code of ethics, which is what we as.

265 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Days strive to embody and follow in our work and there it sites for foundational principles.

266 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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The 1st, 1, being benefit to others and we, as behavior analysts work to maximize benefits and do no harm.

267 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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The 2nd, foundational principle is to treat others with compassion, dignity and respect. We must not only empathize with our clients, but also respect them as individuals.

268 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Number 3 is, um, we must behave with integrity and when it comes to working with our clients, um, it's important to behave with integrity, but also in collaborating with individuals that help support the client.

269 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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And the 4th foundational principle is to ensure their competence.

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So we, um, every day should be aware of work within and continuously evaluate the boundaries of our competence as well as work on continuously increasing our knowledge.

271 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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And our skills related to cultural responsiveness and service delivery to diverse groups.

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And we believe that the autistic population being 1 of the main communities that we serve is a part of being culturally responsive.

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Next slide these aspects of the code, uh, bring me back to the chart from the Institute of trauma and trauma informed care.

274 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Our ethical guidelines really overlap with these guidelines on trauma informed care and I want to illustrate how they do. So.

275 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Their 1st concept is that of safety, um, and we focus on doing no harm to the client.

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So that means that we should ensure that we are securing the physical and emotional safety of our clients. The 2nd, 1 is.

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We, as, um.

278 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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It should be behaving in ways that treats our clients with compassion with dignity and with respect. And that's where we get to incorporate choice making.

279 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Collaboration is the 3rd, 1, we also have an ethical obligation as I mentioned to the previous slide to behave with integrity.

280 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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So, essentially, this means being honest in our communications with clients, their families and other professionals that.

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May support that client as well the 4th 1 is trustworthiness, so we can build trust as by ensuring that we're providing predictable and consistent ABA treatment.

282 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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And the last 1 is empowerment, and we strive to empower our clients.

283 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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We do so, by focusing on skill building, instead of only focusing on behavior reduction.

284 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Dr, Roger and colleagues, um, discuss several barriers related to taking on a trauma informed care approach in their 2022 article, titled towards trauma, informed applications of behavior.

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informed applications of behavior

286 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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They shared the following, they share that. It's difficult for us in the field of ABA to understand that trauma is not just physical in nature.

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The effects of trauma are typically considered more of an internal response to a traumatic event.

288 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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However, we, as BCBA should consider that the evidence of trauma can be found in the presence, or absence of behaviors of the individual as well as their verbal behavior.

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And when it comes to the causes of trauma, ABA focuses on how behavior is affected by the environment in a particular moment.

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However, we must take into account the history of trauma in planning our treatment.

291 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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However, we do understand that it's tough to determine best practices since there is a lack of data for how to provide trauma, informed care while there are barriers to incorporating trauma,

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informed care into our practice. There are definitely.

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Use for us to begin, incorporating these into our treatment.

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Next slide 1 thing that I want to mention as well is considering the following framework.

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So, um, and, of course, 1 potential difficulty.

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For us as and acknowledging trauma is the degree to knowing that trauma has occurred. Right? How do we know that trauma has incurred?

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And while we encourage families to speak to their provider about potentially traumatizing experiences, we do understand that this.

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May be difficult to communicate. Therefore, we, as behavior, analysts should instead adopt a universal approach and assume that any client.

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That we work with may come with a history of trauma.

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Therefore, it's, um, best practice to utilize least restrictive interventions. 1st.

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The behavior, analyst, ethics, code, details, minimizing potential risks.

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However, this becomes difficult when our usual practice has typically included ignoring potentially dangerous behavior, or even implementing something that may set off.

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Dangerous behavior, and it's also really important to consider that.

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What,

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you know what Dr shared was that we should be building that emotional safety and trust and really ensuring that we're prioritizing that as much as we prioritize the

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physical safety of our clients.

307 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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And here at verbal beginnings, we definitely, you know, are aware of utilizing a trauma, informed care approach and we really train to our staff to provide,

308 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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you know, high quality attention and reinforcement prior to starting.

309 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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Instruction with our clients and we also encourage the use of least restrictive.

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Procedures 1st, and foremost, we can also promote choice and shared governance. Um.

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And essentially, we have a lot of, um, methods at our disposal to be able to program multiple choice, making opportunities from the very beginning of the client's treatment.

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And throughout the, um, their time with us here at verbal beginnings. Because.

313 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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By providing that individual with choices, then they can really have a

say in their programming.

314 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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I shared the term shared governance and what that means is that we allow the individual to have a say, or a voice in their treatment.

315 "Grace Gomez" (1731101184)

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This is where the topic of ascent comes into play and at least we'll discuss ascent in the next slide.

316 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Next slide please.

317 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Okay, so knowing that there's criticisms of ABA and how it pertains to trauma what's next and what's our responsibility.

318 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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So I want to take a moment to talk about in a center based model. So we all probably know what consent is. It's used to describe an agreement to participate and legally and ethically consent is required for all based interventions.

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And it's typically obtained at the onset of therapy by a legal guardian and an informed consent is making the learner.

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Or the legal guardian aware of what will occur during services. So then how does this differ from ascent? So a sentence legal extension of consent it's a recently emerging legal and ethical concept and a comprehensive definition has not been consistently put forth.

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But the most common theme we're seeing across different disciplines, they just find a sense.

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The agreement to participate without coercion and that the absence of objection does not necessarily infer consent or ascent.

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So, similar to consent, a sense can be withdrawn at any time, and that's actually known as dissent. And the process of ascent is this dynamic and ongoing process.

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So it is a way to really deliver services in which you're actively seeking to obtain learners ascent as you progress through therapy. So, I want to highlight the relationship between a sentence human rights.

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Essentially human, right that it's typically afforded to those deemed competent by either our culture or society.

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And it's not necessarily given to people with intellectual or other disabilities and they may, they may be assumed to be incapable of providing or withdrawing their ascent. So, the ethic codes for behavior, analysts, offer, some specific practice outlines for a sense and dignity.

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They're required to involve clients and relevant stakeholders throughout the service relations.

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We need to be obtaining informed consent and a sense whenever applicable and we need to be acting within the best interest of the learners and taking appropriate steps to support learners rights, maximize benefits. And again, do no harm.

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And some of the topography of ascent can be as simple as answering. Yes. Do you want to do this?

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Yes, or no or an functionally equivalent phrase, or for non vocal learners, maybe they not or they touch start or they're reaching for the materials, which is showing us that they want to participate and then answering, no may look as simple as no or saying.

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Up or some similar phrase, shaking their head or engaging in problem behavior. So concurrent schedules may offer a useful method for supporting a sentence.

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So, in a, in a concurrent chain schedule, participants can choose between 2 conditions and this provides participants with the expectation of the procedure to be implemented. And if the.

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Individuals reliably selecting that option that produces this condition then you can infer that they agreed with participation.

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So, if there's a sent withdraw, so that dissent, what can be done and here are some of the recommendations that I found in the research, it says, do not provide, do not represent the treatment condition or represent it later, represent it with modifications.

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And some other considerations for clinicians to think about is.

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Are you designing your interventions to maximize engagement?

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And how would you do this? Your programming should be really fun and exciting and rewarding as possible and it should use developmentally appropriate stimuli.

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And if a child is engaging in dissent, meaning they no longer wish to participate. The BCBA should be asking themselves. If it's even possible to collect usable data from this child will still upholding our ethical principle of respect for persons.

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And if the answer is, no, then the decision should be made to stop.

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And distress of the individuals should continuously be monitored in this ongoing manner and seek to reduce distress. Whenever possible data collection should not be the only motivation to stop.

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An attempt should be made to reduce the distress or comfort the child and parents should also be stakeholders in this decision making process.

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So, parents can give a lot of really valuable information of whether the distress is outside of what they would typically see if their child.

343 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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And then finally, I just want to quickly touch on the relationship between a sentence ableism before we wrap up and take questions. But ableism is described as.

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But the discrimination in favor of April body people or the discrimination in favor of non disabled people so when considering a sent based care, it's really important to consider ableism. So an ABA intervention.

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ableism may support a practitioner choosing to do a more adversive, but effective intervention to meet the duty of care, or the service goals over another intervention that may have this history of learner ascent, which affords maybe more dignity of risk.

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Next slide please so, in the beginning, I said, I wanted to talk a little bit more about a risk benefit analysis. We talked about a lot of different interventions and highlighted the direction that trauma informed ABA is going.

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But how do we decide which interventions to use? So, I think that's kind of that 1Million dollar question that.

348 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Clinicians are talking about as trauma informed care and compassionate ABA become more and more prevalent. So Here's an example of a risk benefit analysis template. This was taken from Bailey in Birch in 2016, and can be found online.

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And this template really allows you to describe the situation and report on anticipated risks and benefits. risks and benefits

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And analyze both in depth and then eventually determine a decision. So this is something that they should be doing that a clinician should do in conjunction with their supervisor with the family.

351 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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But also that family should be doing in conjunction with their provider as well.

352 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Slide please, and then quickly, I just want to go through an example of how I might do this. So, if we're looking at toilet training, which we talked about earlier.

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We might be looking at the risks and the benefits of using a more intensive model.

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So the risks could be that it may increase problem behavior or they still may not make rapid progress or rapid toileting may cause this increase stress on the client. But the benefits could be that this is.

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Intervention that's most in line with the family's values. The client doesn't have a lot of preferences. So reinforcement base strategies may not be effective.

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And it may allow the client to attend more community based settings. So these are all different things that are discussed well, conducting or risk benefit analysis.

357 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Next slide please, and then intervening on story atrophy. So another example, the risks, if we intervene, it may impact the child's ability to self regulate.

358 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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It may increase these other uncomfortable sensations or the topography may change for something. That's not dangerous to something that is.

359 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Dangerous but the benefits might be that will, it will allow the client, we're learning opportunities or can decrease injury that might be caused by dangerous stereotype. And then it may allow the clients more access to community settings.

360 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Next slide please so with such high prevalence in such high stakes, the time is now.

361 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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So, the time is now to make the implementation of trauma, informed treatment approaches, the forefront of ABA services and Chris and I agree that my Angela said it best is that you do the best that you can until, you know, better.

362 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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And then when you know better, do you do better.

363 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Next slide, so I know we ran a little bit over, but.

364 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Um,

365 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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we are here to take questions I don't see any

366 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)

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questions that have come through yet, but just want to give people a couple minutes chance.

367 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)
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Have to think about other questions and submit.

368 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)
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Absolutely.

369 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)
00:57:15.085 --> 00:57:22.105
Okay, just reserved. My excuse me received my 1st question. So, the question is when it comes to, um.

370 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)
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Do you let the person with autism continue, have been told not to stop our son at times due to himself regulating.

371 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)
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So, I think that's kind of going back to this whole risk benefit analysis. So, if it's something we would kind of take into consideration, we would talk with the family about what their preferences are and what what their kind of hopes are in regards to the stereotypic.

372 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)
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Well, providing that education that this may be something that the client is using to self regulate and a lot of times the.

373 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)
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And if it's not impacting their ability to learn new skills and learn new tasks, and it's not a safety risk, a lot of times the decision is made to not intervene on it.

374 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)
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And that's periodically a lot of times is cyclical, so it can morph into different topography. So just because you're seeing it a certain way now it may more later into something, a little bit more discreet or not as noticeable.

375 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)
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Any other questions I don't see any, uh, at this time. Um, but we, of course, um.

376 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)

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Can forward any questions that come up later to you? Um, if needed um, so I'll just, um.

377 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)

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Oh, excuse me 1 question uh, just came in. Oh, somebody wants to know if you have a location in North Carolina.

378 "Alyse Handelsman" (3689050624)

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Not yet, but stay tuned. We are a growing company. Um, and that is not too far from us.

379 "Alana Embriano" (3873880064)

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Great. All right well, then I'll let her she'll be wrapped up and then she'll provide some instructions on how to access access this via recording.

380 "Shelby BOLIN" (162827264)

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Awesome Thank you all so much. Thank you. Guys so much for presenting and thank you. Everyone for attending.

381 "Shelby BOLIN" (162827264)

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Grace and lease offered such wonderful information. If you guys have any questions about therapies discussed today or questions, you were unable to answer, please contact the autism team by calling the number on the back of your card.

382 "Shelby BOLIN" (162827264)

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Um.

383 "Shelby BOLIN" (162827264)

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And the recording will be available online at the W. W.

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W dot com backslash autism page once finalized and please be sure to mark your calendars to join us next month on Thursday,

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July 13th where we will be discussing teaching beginning language and establishing. establishing

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Vocalizations and autistic children editorial for parents and thank you guys, everyone have a great day, and, you know, please reach out if you have any questions.

387 "Shelby BOLIN" (162827264)

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Thanks bye everyone. How much? Bye.