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Title: Teaching Adults to Imitate the Behavior of Their Young Children with Autism
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Outline

Autism & Imitation

- * Intro
 - ıđ focus/topic of the paper
 - ıđ define imitation
- * Imitation
 - ıđ role in normally developing children
 - ıđ imitation & learning
 - ıđ imitation & care giver/who child learns to imitate
 - ıđ imitation & self esteem/success in the future
- * Imitation in Children with Disabilities
 - ıđ the ability & the extent to which the child can imitate
 - ıđ developmental delays associated with failure to imitate
- * Children with Autism
 - ıđ define autism
 - ıđ explore limitations in communication
 - ıđ focus/importance on imitation
- * Teaching Through Adult Imitation
 - ıđ problem in communicating with children with autism
 - ıđ goal of imitation of children with autism "C> give them control
 - ıđ importance of incorporating mothers/care givers
 - ıđ successes of recent studies in which care giver imitates child with autism
- * Our Study
 - ıđ main goal "C> plan to add to research & build a bridge between out two worlds
 - ıđ how we plan to do this
- * Summary