



The Junior Detective Training Program

Type of Project Intervention

Summary

The Junior Detective Training Program is a 7-week program to develop social skills. It includes computer game and group sessions. Emotion recognition, emotion regulation, theory of mind and social interaction are taught through small scenarios in which children is a secret agent. They have to identify the characters's feelings from various cues (verbal, non verbal, environmental). Sessions with peers allow children to apply what they learned to situations similar to real life.

Beaumont and Sofronoff (2008) show that Junior Detective Training Program improves social skills of children with Asperger syndrome.

For more information :

Beaumont, R., & Sofronoff, K. (2008). A multi-component social skills intervention for children with Asperger syndrome: The Junior Detective Training Program. *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 49(7), 743-753.