









Supporting children with autism to develop communication skills

Do you have a child aged between 3 and 8 years with a diagnosis of autism?

Children with a diagnosis of autism may have communication differences. Some autistic children are nonverbal or minimally verbal and may use ways other than speech to communicate.

While the use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is evidence-based, researchers have questions about what makes therapy using AAC most effective - like how much therapy is most helpful, and what AAC training is effective for clinicians.

Researchers at CliniKids (The Kids Research Institute Australia) are investigating the use of the LAMP therapy approach and AAC device, for supporting autistic children who are nonverbal, or minimally speaking to communicate.

The total time commitment for this study is six months of therapy (one 60 min session/week), inclusive of assessments at the start and end of study.

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