

FREE LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATION INTERVENTION FOR CHILDREN WITH SIBLINGS WITH AUTISM

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Promoting Early Intervention Timing and Attention to Language

ELIGIBILITY.

- Children **6 to 8 months old** who are **younger siblings of children with ASD**

INTERVENTION.

All children will receive these interventions:

- **COACH** consists of a blended intervention of two evidence tested interventions, JASPER and Babble Bootcamp.

JASPER is an evidence-based early intervention that focuses on the core social communication and engagement skills of young children that are important to improvements in communication and language.



Babble Bootcamp is a new intervention focusing on the speech-motor system and aims to improve babbling and early word use in infants known to be at risk for language delay.

- **MONITOR** will consist of the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) plus activity cards, a validated monitoring intervention with a light touch for parents wanting to follow their child's general development with enrichment activities.

PARTICIPATION.

- The study will be from 6-8 months of age to when the child is 24 months (almost 18 months).
- Once assigned to the COACH intervention, the parent will meet with someone from the research team virtually for an hour each week.
- Free assessments of language and cognitive skills at 6 distinct timepoints: *at 6-8 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, and 24 months.*
- Total time commitment for the study will range from 60 hours to 82 hours.

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