

Increase the smiles and laughter in your home with PLAY Project!

Benefits to Children

PLAY Autism Intervention helps young children improve their language, development, behavior, social skills, and reduces autism symptoms.

Benefits to Parents

You and your Certified PLAY Project Consultant become partners in your child's progress. You receive individualized coaching that empowers you to have a closer, more satisfying relationship with your child.

You will learn to:

- Identify your child's unique strengths and needs
- Make every interaction a growing and learning experience
- Effectively respond to your child's behavior
- Prepare or support your child in school



About Certified PLAY Project Consultants

Certified PLAY Project consultants hold a master's degree, or have equivalent experience, in a field of occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, education, social work, psychology, or similar.

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P.L.A.Y Project Autism Intervention

**Service, Advocacy, and
Support...Every Step
of the Way**



Play Services at Grand Forks AFB

PLAY Autism Intervention services typically include:

- **Monthly** home visits from a certified PLAY Project Consultant.
- **Modeling and coaching** services to help improve the interaction between parent and child.
- **Direct play** between child and PLAY Project Consultants.
- **A PLAY Plan** report and video provided after each visit. The plan includes detailed recommendations for methods, techniques, and activities. The video captures the Consultant modeling techniques as well as the parent and child's interactions.
- **Family support:** ongoing email and phone calls to ensure families get resources, help with school, and help with other needs.
- Case review and **feedback** on your child's development from a team of **professionals**.



What is PLAY Project?

The PLAY Project organization offers research-based autism programs that focus on play and relationships to support the social and emotional growth of the child with autism. PLAY Project methods, techniques, and principles are the foundation for PLAY. Professionals who offer PLAY Autism Intervention are trained and credentialed by the PLAY Project organization.

Play is the way young children learn best. The PLAY Project model helps children learn and develop through playful interactions.

Do I need a diagnosis of autism to start the PLAY Project?

PLAY is an evidence-based intervention focused on the core social features of ASD. The PLAY principles and strategies can be implemented for any child with developmental needs.

What is a PLAY Project Home Visit Like?

Our consultants show you practical ways to make every interaction with your child a growing and learning experience. Bath time, meals, outdoor play: each of these daily routines can be used to help your child improve communication and build meaningful relationships.

What is a Parent-Mediated model?

PLAY is a parent-implemented autism intervention, meaning that you gain the skills you need to support your child's social-emotional growth. Research shows that children on the autism spectrum have more success when parents are empowered to provide intervention at home. Parents can learn effective strategies for engagement, so that their children receive intensive intervention throughout the day. The PLAY techniques and methods become a regular part of family life. Research has shown 20-25 hours of PLAY supports social-emotional learning and is a key element to this model.

What do I do?

Play! Your play project consultant will help guide you using principals, methods, techniques, and activity suggestions.

