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**The Early Start Denver Model (ESDM)**

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**Parent Training in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

**Importance of Parent Training**

Learning across settings

Increased skills & confidence

Continuous treatment

**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Fast Facts**

1 in 59 children are diagnosed with ASD

Autism is 4x more common in males

Affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups

Early intervention is key

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**Social Skills**

**Sensory Regulation**

**ASD Effects**

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**ASSESSMENT MEASURES**

Mullen Scales of Early Learning

Expressive Language

Receptive Language

IQ

Evaluations are conducted with trained therapists combined with parent training.

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**Parent Involvement & ESDM**

Parents provided with manuals and reading materials about ESDM, no training

ESDM implemented with trained therapists combined with parent training

**Takeaway:**

Parent training improves success of Early Start Denver Model

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