



# Naturalistic Intervention



PROJECT ACCESS

## WHAT IS IT?

A collection of interventions that occur in a person's everyday routine that work to develop skills in communication and social skills. These interventions are designed to encourage specific target behaviors based on the learners' interests.

## WHO CAN USE IT?

Anyone can use Naturalistic Intervention, but some training by a professional is recommended for best results.

## WHERE CAN YOU USE IT?

Naturalistic Intervention can be used anywhere there is a child and an adult. Commonly, Naturalistic Intervention is used in schools and clinics to help children with autism develop their communication and social skills, but parents and other caretakers can also be trained and can use it in grocery stores, at home, in a park, at the pool, or wherever the child needs support.



## WHY USE NATURALISTIC INTERVENTION?

Naturalistic Intervention is incredibly flexible and can be individualized to meet the needs of each child. Naturalistic Interventions are effective alone, or in addition to other interventions. While Naturalistic Intervention does require some training, anyone can use it, so the child has consistency across all environments of their life.



## CAN YOU USE IT WITH OTHER INVENTIONS?

Studies show great success with using Naturalistic Intervention simultaneously with many other interventions, such as speech interventions or Discrete Trial Training.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



GET  
CONNECTED!



© PROJECT ACCESS - SEPTEMBER 2022 \*PROJECT ACCESS IS A COLLABORATION AMONG THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, AND MISSOURI'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.