

A NAIV TUDATELMÉLET KIALAKULÁSÁT CÉLZÓ FEJLESZTÉSI PROGRAM HATÉKONYSÁGÁNAK VIZSGÁLATA AUTISTA GYERMEKEK ESETÉBEN

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Abstract: The Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder, which includes severe impairments in communication, social interactions and includes stereotypic behaviors. It appears by the age of three and has an unknown ethiology. Many theories were born to explain the Autism. One of these elaborated and used mostly by Baron-Cohen et al. assumes that children with Autism have difficulties in elaborating a healthy Theory of Mind.

The intervention program presented in this study helps the development of abilities and skills which are assumed to be needed in order to elaborate the Theory of Mind (shared attention, mimical imitation, communication).

The program was conducted to six children with Autism between the ages of 5 and 9. The ABAB single case design was used in order to prove the effectiveness of the program. Quantitative methods were also used.

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