

# What's new in ABA Therapy?

An overview for parents and teachers

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# What is ABA?



BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS  
AN OVERVIEW

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- **Skill Based Treatment (SBT):**
  - Contextually appropriate, skill-based teaching (not just facts!)
  - Focusing on communication, tolerance, and cooperation-based essential skills first

Publications based on work by Greg Hanley, A. Rajaraman, K. Ruppel et al  
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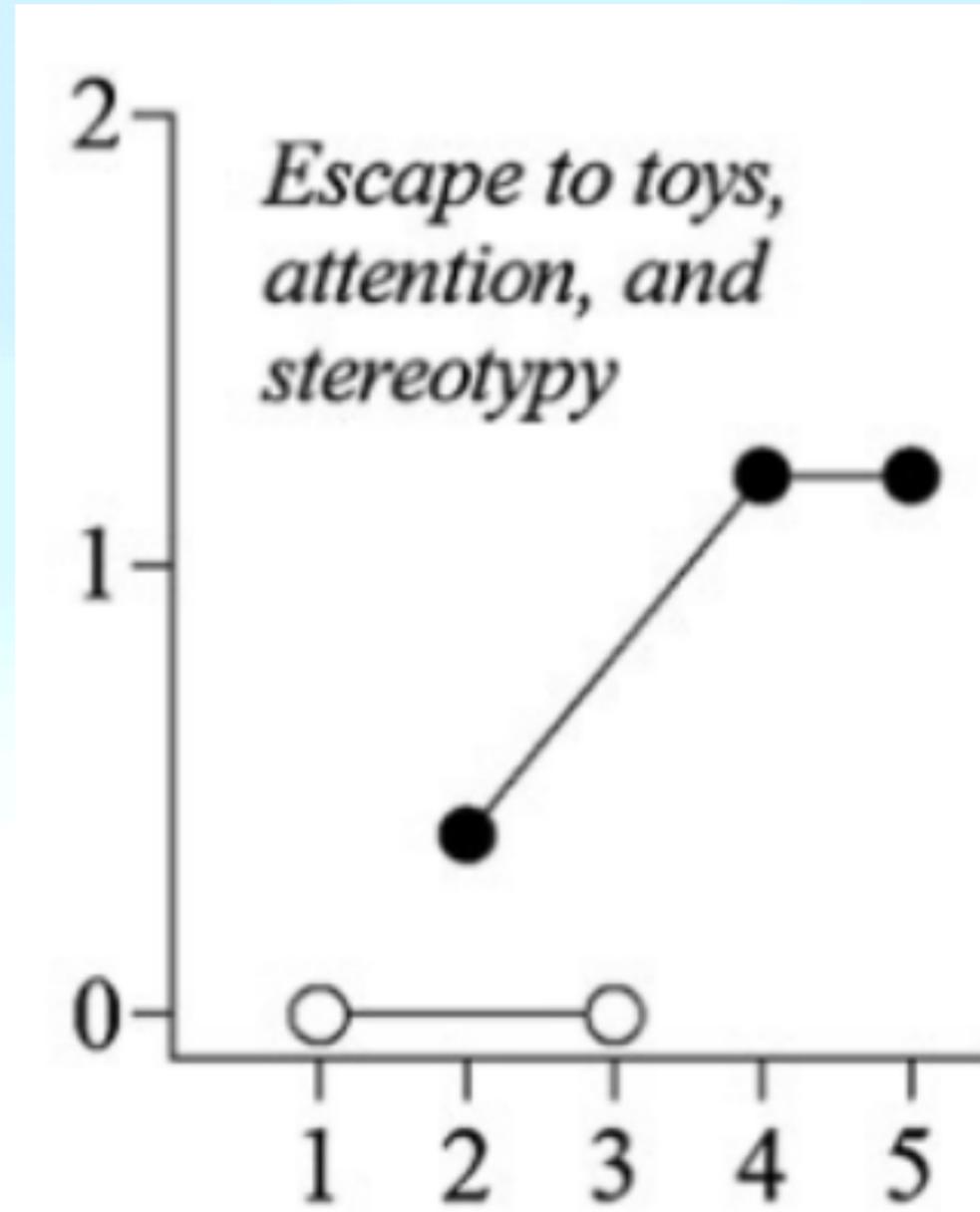
# Protocol overview



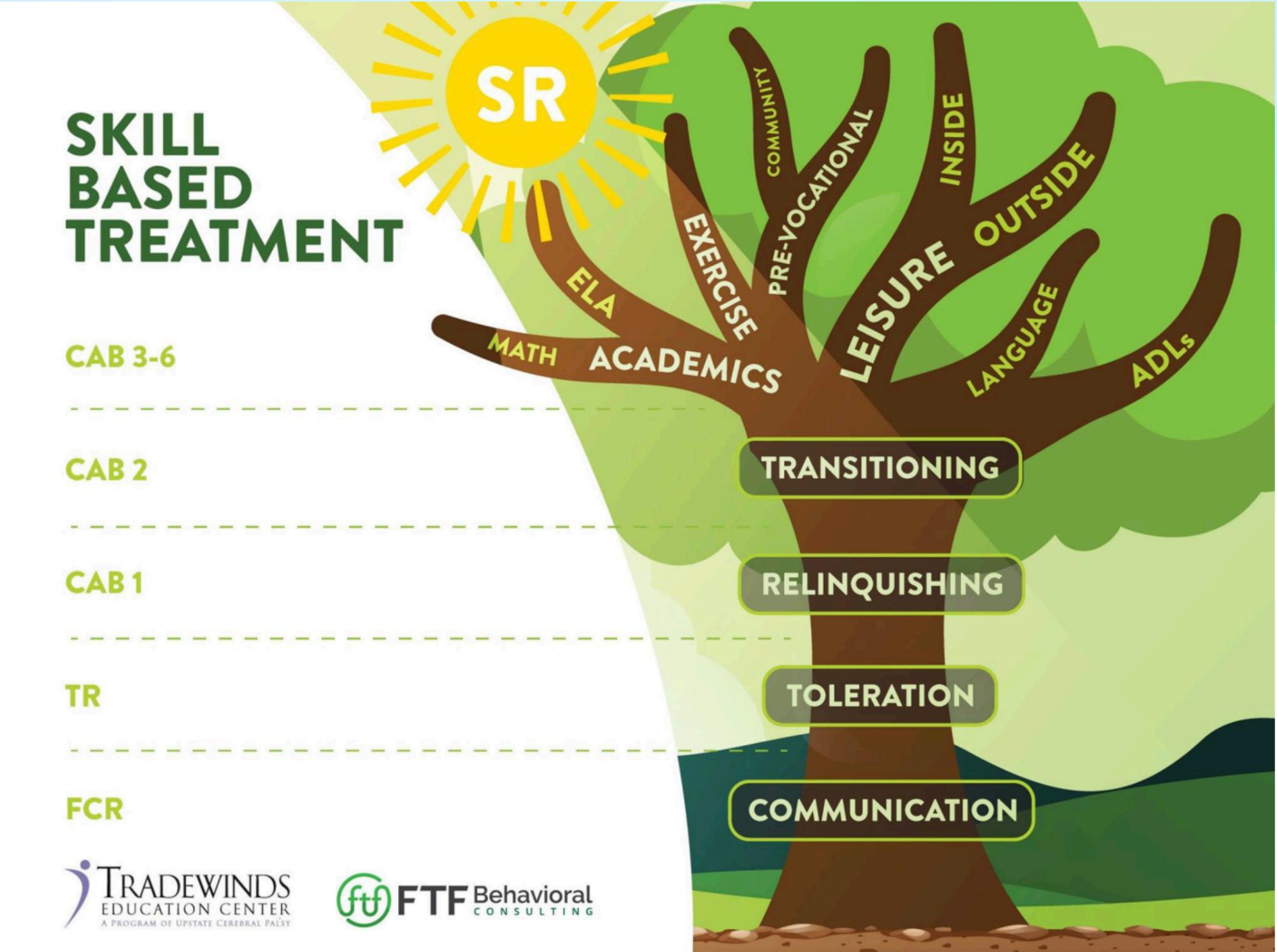
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*A successful test, demonstrating control*



# Skill-Based Treatment Model Overview



# Protocol example 2



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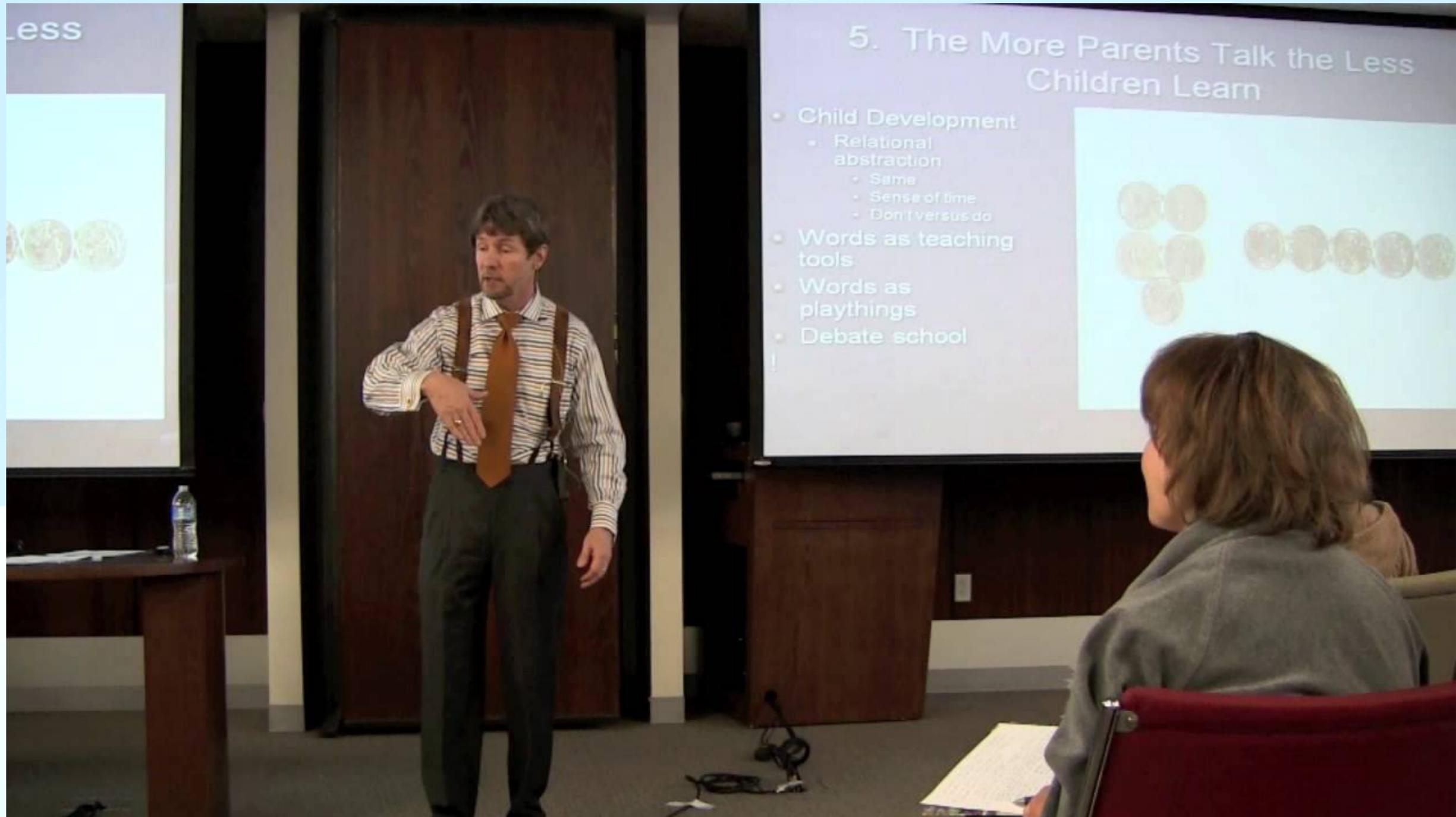
Name: Nicky

Age: 16

Diagnosis: Bipolar  
Disorder  
& Autism

# Closing Thoughts

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Dr. Friman, Ph.D., former Editor of Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis and former President of ABAI

# (Re)Sources

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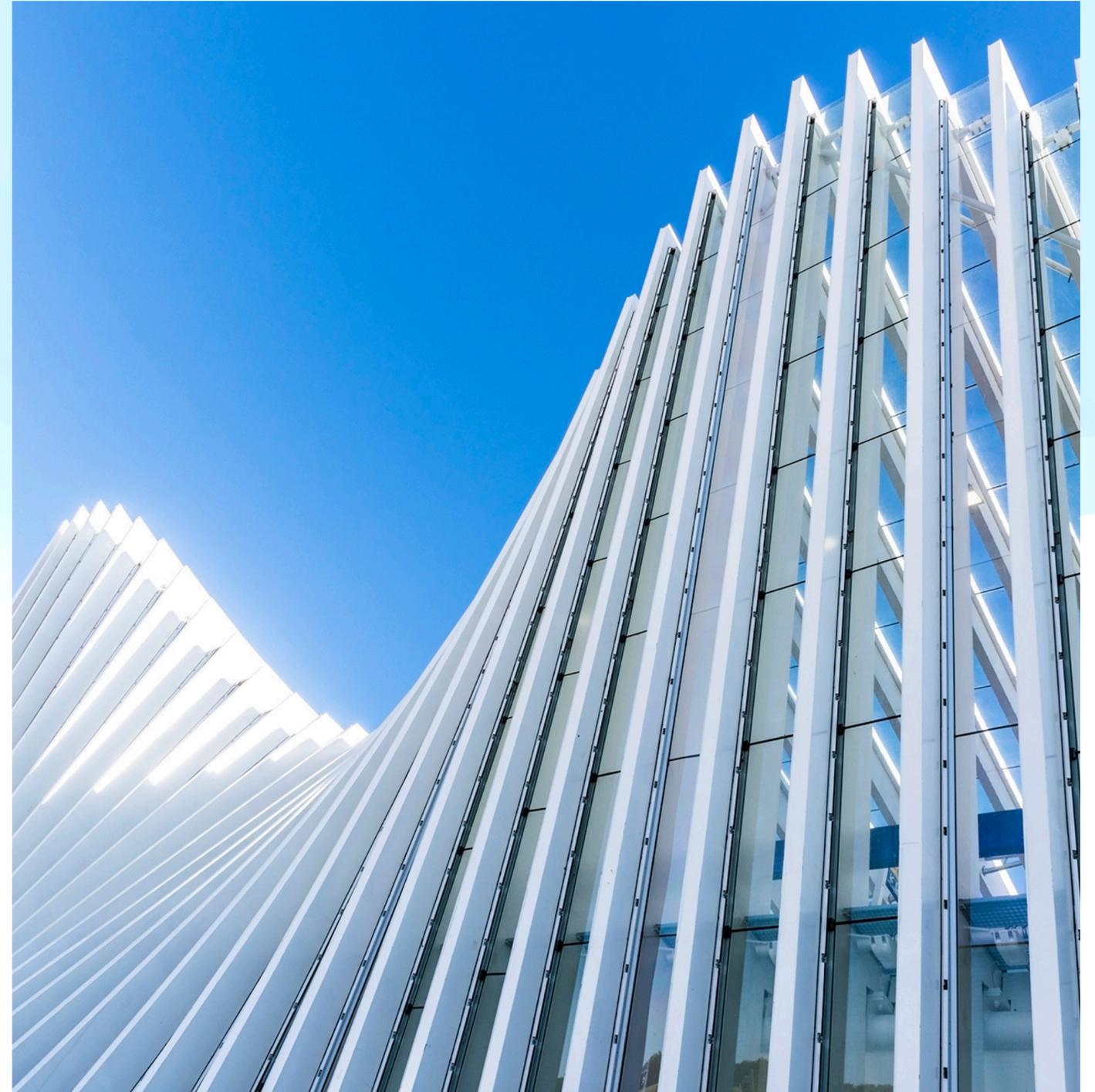
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PFA/SBT and IISCA research: <https://practicalfunctionalassessment.com/publications-2/>

School implementation of PFA/SBT:

<https://practicalfunctionalassessment.com/2022/05/26/pfa-sbt-presentation-at-a-school-board-meeting-in-ontario-canada/>



# How to get trained/find help:

Ask your local BCBA or school about implementing ABA with PFA/SBT, there is now plenty of research supporting its use and effectiveness for severe problem behavior!

The BACB oversees Behavior Analyst certification requirements and has information on how to become certified in ABA at a variety of education levels: <https://www.bacb.com/>

FTFBC offers training on implementation of PFA/SBT and the IISCA <https://ftfbc.com/>

# Thank you!

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