

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

### Benefits to Children

Play is the way young children learn best. PLAY Autism Intervention helps young children improve their language, development, behavior, and social skills.

The PLAY Project model helps children grow and develop through playful interaction.



### Benefits to Parents

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

You will discover how 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 your child for kindergarten.



## Our Vision

We serve for a lifetime.



## Our Mission

By listening to those we serve, we strive to provide a lifetime of meaningful supports to optimize and enrich relationships.



### Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## PLAY Autism Intervention



An evidence-based program for toddlers and preschoolers

Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities



# A Curriculum to Challenge, Intrigue, and Develop Young Minds

## What is the PLAY Project?

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

## Do I Need a Diagnosis of Autism to Begin the Play Project?

The PLAY Project is for any child who either has or is suspected of having Autism Spectrum or Autism Spectrum related disorders.



## What is a PLAY Project Visit Like?

During visits, you and the PLAY Project Consultant engage your child in playful activities. Siblings and other caregivers are welcome to join. Your PLAY Project Consultant supports learning so that you gain confidence in the methods and techniques that you will use throughout your everyday interaction.

Your Play Project Consultant will demonstrate 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.

## 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.

## What is a Parent-Mediated Model?

PLAY is a parent 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.



Referrals can be made by parents, physicians/nurses, public/private school staff, Sandusky County Board of DD Community Connections Coordinators, or anyone having concerns regarding a child's development.

**Parents who wish to explore enrollment in The PLAY Project, contact Ruth Watson, Director of Youth and Provider Services at 419 332 9296 ext. 168**