



SPACE! Study:

Supporting Paraeducators of Autistic Children to Engage!



What is the SPACE! study?

Welcome to the SPACE! study and thank you for your participation. We look forward to working with your child's school to learn more about how we can help paraeducators support autistic children who may benefit from behavior support in the classroom.

This study evaluates two interventions. RUBIES is a new intervention that teaches paraeducators how to use evidence-based behavior strategies to better support their autistic students in the classroom and to respond more effectively when behavior issues occur. Psychoeducation in Autism combines evidence-based approaches to support autistic children in school. Our research team will be training paraeducators to use RUBIES or Psychoeducation in Autism at your child's school.

This project will help us learn more about how we can support autistic students who exhibit challenging behaviors in the classroom. It also will help us learn ways to better train and support educators in using evidence-based interventions.



What will this study look like at my child's school?

What can I expect from my child's participation in this study?

Your child will continue to participate in their regular school day. Your child's paraeducator who is being trained in RUBIES or Psychoeducation in Autism will support your child throughout the day and provide behavior support for your child in the classroom.

Who will be working with my child and for how long?

Your child will have an assigned paraeducator to work with your child and provide behavior support in the classroom. Paraeducators will receive 8 training sessions from our research team and will have a research staff member observe them virtually working with your child in the classroom at three different timepoints. They also will receive additional support throughout the school year.

What will be asked of me as a parent/caregiver?

We ask that you fill out a brief questionnaire at four different timepoints. You will receive a \$20 gift card after completing each questionnaire.

How will my child's school be supported?



Certification hours for paraeducators for participating in trainings.



RUBIES or Psychoeducation in Autism manual and online training on a range of topics to support autistic students in schools.



Payment for completion of study questionnaires and procedures.

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