

Theatre as Therapy

Researchers at Vanderbilt University are studying the effects of behavior therapy and theatre techniques in children with and without autism.

The SENSE Theatre program is embedded in a play or musical that is performed for the public. Participants with autism are paired with trained typically developing peers who model emotion expression and social interaction.

Eligible participants:

- Have an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Are typically developing
- Are between 7 and 18 years of age

Research Components:

- Diagnostic and psychological assessment
- Social interaction and play observation
- Intervention/play rehearsal sessions
- 2 live performances

The SENSE Theatre program works in collaboration with the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and the University School of Nashville.

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Children with Autism**

