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- Have ASD or suspected/possible ASD
- Are between 18 and 35 years of age

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- Social Interaction (10 minutes)
- Research EEG (1 hour)
- Intervention takes place over 10 sessions on Saturdays or weekday late afternoons.
- Participation in research is necessary to receive the treatment.

The SENSE Lab works in collaboration with the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and the Vanderbilt University Department of Theatre. Principal Investigator: Blythe A. Corbett, Ph.D.

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