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A PARENT SURVEY ON DISCRETE TRIAL TEACHING VERSUS NATURALISTIC TEACHING AND THE USE OF BEHAVIORAL TERMINOLOGY

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Background

This study is a parent survey asking about two teaching strategies, discrete trial teaching and naturalistic teaching. Though both strategies have been proven to show effectiveness, it has long been debated which intervention is more effective when teaching students with disabilities. There has been little to no research done on if parents have a preference over the two different strategies.

Sample

Qualtrics Survey Software will be used to create an online parent survey. In this study, data will be collected from 20 people in each of the three groups for a total of 60 participants. The study will contain 5 multiple choice questions, 6 yes/no questions, 1 open response questions, and two short videos describing both teaching strategies.

Hypothesis

The purpose of this study is to examine parent preference for either DTT or NT as influenced by the terminology used to describe the interventions and videos depicting the procedures. We will also examine the needs of parents whose children are receiving special education services, and how to improve their involvement and knowledge of teaching strategies. This student population is important because of their need for special skills and strategies needed to help in their cognitive development. The goal of this study is to address the following research questions: 1. Do parents have a preference in which teaching method their student receives DTT vs NT? 2. Does the use of behavioral terminology affect their choice?

Progress

I have just been trying to get my proposal ready.

Request

I have been told several times that the data analysis section of my proposal needs a lot of work. I just do not understand what more to add or how to lay out a clear description of what I plan to do.

Timeline

I would need to have this ready for my proposal meeting which is March 30th.