

## Autism Research Alliance

*Leading the way in applied research and intervention*

The Help Group – UCLA Autism Research Alliance is an innovative partnership between The Help Group and the UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. The Alliance is dedicated to enhancing and expanding clinical research in the education and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and to contributing to the development, greater understanding, and use of best practice models by researchers, educators, and clinicians.



### GOALS OF THE ALLIANCE

- Enhance and expand research in the education and treatment of children and adolescents with ASD
- Develop educational and clinical evidence-based best practice models for individuals from preschool to young adulthood across the entire range of the autism spectrum
- Contribute to the greater understanding of best practice models for educators and mental health professionals working with individuals with ASD

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### CURRENT AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Interventions using joint attention to improve language development
- Decreasing social anxiety through cognitive behavioral treatment methods
- Improving friendship quality and social skills
- Understanding the neural circuitry involved in processing emotions
- Examining the powerful impact of music education
- Parent education in the treatment of autism

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