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Social interaction in youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder

1. Group social skills training is an effective intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder that can be applied in daily clinical practice. (dit proefschrift)
2. The finding that children with Autism Spectrum Disorder show less explicit desire for social interaction as compared to typically developing children does not necessarily mean that they are less interested in meeting other people. (dit proefschrift)
3. Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder are at risk for elevated levels of loneliness. (dit proefschrift)
4. A selected set of items from the Achenbach System of Empirically Based Assessment provides a valuable screen for Autism Spectrum Disorder in clinically referred youths. (dit proefschrift)
5. Social behavior and social impairment are not equal to social motivation or the desire for social interaction. (Swain et al., 2015).
6. If behaviour of youngsters with Autism Spectrum Disorder is interpreted by others as being not socially motivated, these others will act and react differently towards them, thereby, probably creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. (Jaswal & Akhtar, 2019).
7. "For those just setting out on their own journey in autism research, this is an exciting time; our understanding of autism has changed so much over the last few decades, and it is almost impossible to imagine what our concept of autism will be in 2060." (Happé & Frith, 2020, p. 229)
8. Although Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) cannot be cured, a lot can be done to improve the lives of youngsters with ASD. (Howlin, 1997)
9. Strangers are strangers until they meet. (Chef' Special, 2017)
10. It takes a village to raise a child. (African Proverb)