

Researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center are studying the effects of two treatments developed for youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Participants will be randomly assigned to one of the following treatments.

**SENSE Theatre** is a performance-based intervention targeting social skills that includes trained peer actors and theatre techniques.

**Tackling Teenage Training** is an education program that involves teaching youth with ASD about psychological, social and sexual development.

### Eligible participants:

- Have an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Are between 10 and 16 years of age

### Research Components:

- The intervention is no cost to you and involves research visits before and after the treatment.
- Psychological Testing (2 hours)
- 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 University School of Nashville.

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