New Study Suggests Autism Can be 'Outgrown'

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There is more evidence that a minority of autistic children may eventually overcome their developmental issues, but experts caution that such recovery is rare.

It's long been the hope of parents of autistic children that the right care and support can reduce or even reverse some of the developmental problems associated with the condition. But while a recent study found that behavioral intervention programs are linked with normalization of some brain activity, the question of whether children can outgrow autism remains difficult to answer.

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"I view it as really a landmark kind of study that validates an observation that clinicians and families have made for many years," says Geraldine Dawson, chief science officer for Autism Speaks and a long time researcher in the field.

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