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## Ready, Set, Video Modeling

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### Mission Statement

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### Project Overview:

Video Modeling is a fun, effective way for young children to learn play, social, and daily living skills (like washing hands). Videos, or actually DVDs, are made of specific targeted skills, like turn taking, being modeled by an adult or peer. Children then watch these recorded



models prior to entering the actual play, social, or work environment. Although video modeling works with many children (what child has ever turned down a video?), it is highly effective with children on the autism spectrum. The Newton Schools Foundation is making it possible to create videos to teach targeted play, social, and daily living skills and to provide each preschool classroom with a portable DVD player on which to watch the DVDs. Children will be able to watch the DVDs and quickly learn skills in a more efficient and less intrusive way.



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