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Key Words:

Telepractice: having healthcare visits using video or phone meetings, instead of meeting in person.

Read, Ask, Answer, Prompt (RAAP): a step-by-step way for parents to encourage children to communicate during storybook reading.



What is the name of the article?

Teaching Parents Read, Ask, Answer, Prompt Strategies via Telepractice: Effects on Parent Strategy Use and Child Communication



Who are the authors of the study?

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What was the goal of this study?

To look at whether telepractice is effective in teaching parents a communication strategy known as Read, Ask, Answer, Prompt (RAAP).

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What did we find?

Teaching parents how to use RAAP during telepractice sessions increased the parents' correct use of RAAP. One-hour long RAAP training sessions were enough time for parent instruction. The benefits of the teaching lasted two weeks after the sessions for most parents.

What did we learn?

Telepractice is a great method to teach parents ways to communicate with their child. Parents can quickly learn how to help improve their child's communication skills.

Why is this important?

Using telepractice to teach parents communication strategies gives better support for children with language delays. Telepractice can reach more families in more places, increasing access without the need to travel.

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