

# Human Development Journey

## **PRESUMING COMPETENCE**

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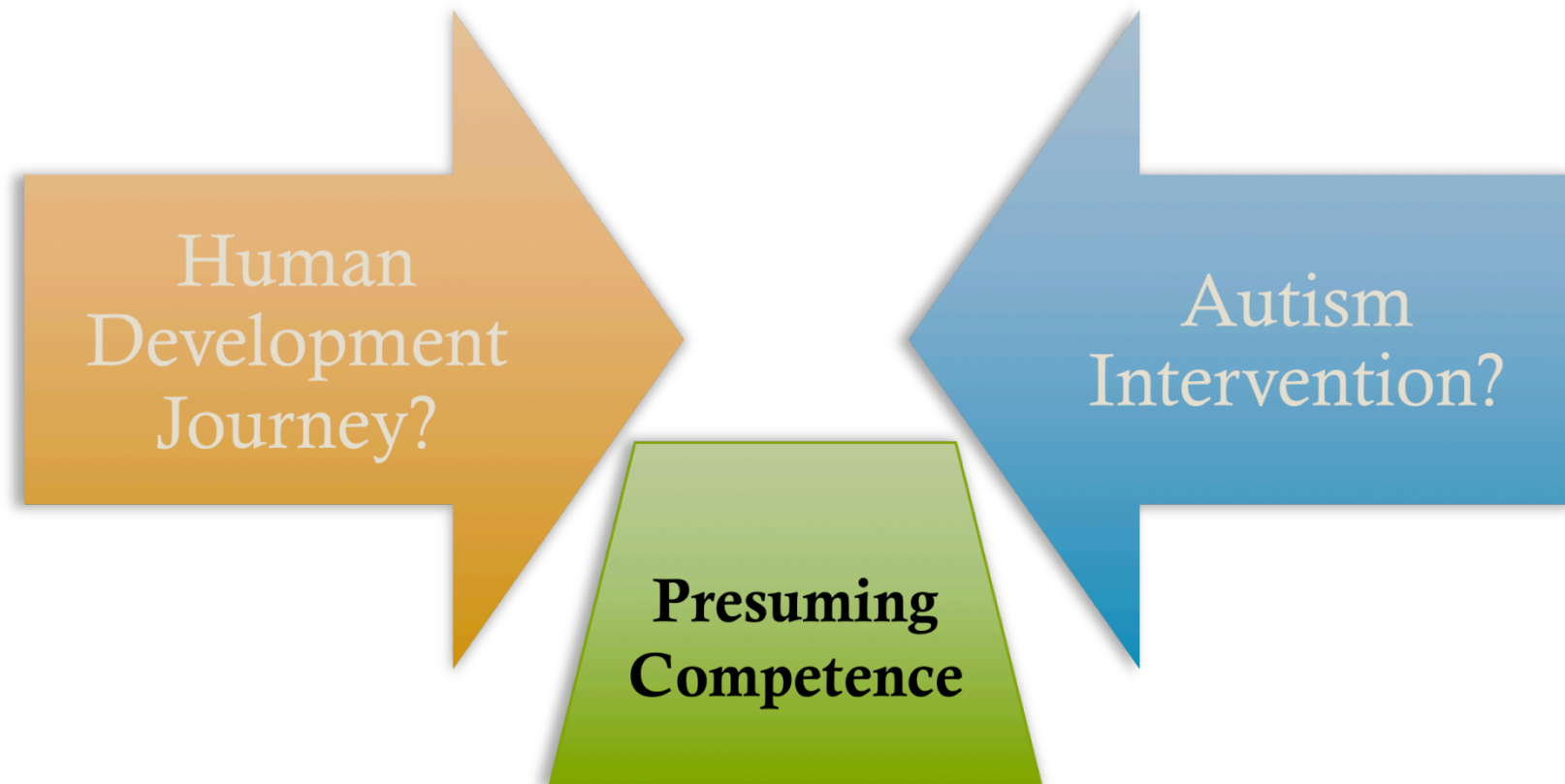
- Stanley Greenspan, MD –  
Great Kids 2007

# How ICDL

- ✓ Presumes competence
- ✓ Embraces strengths
- ✓ Promotes self-determination throughout the lifespan AND
- ✓ Incorporates the voice of the autistic community

# DIRFloortime

## A successful story



# A Journey

*In memory of Stanley Greenspan,*

*who I would call*

*The main reason I've been able to receive*

*The education I have received and therefore*

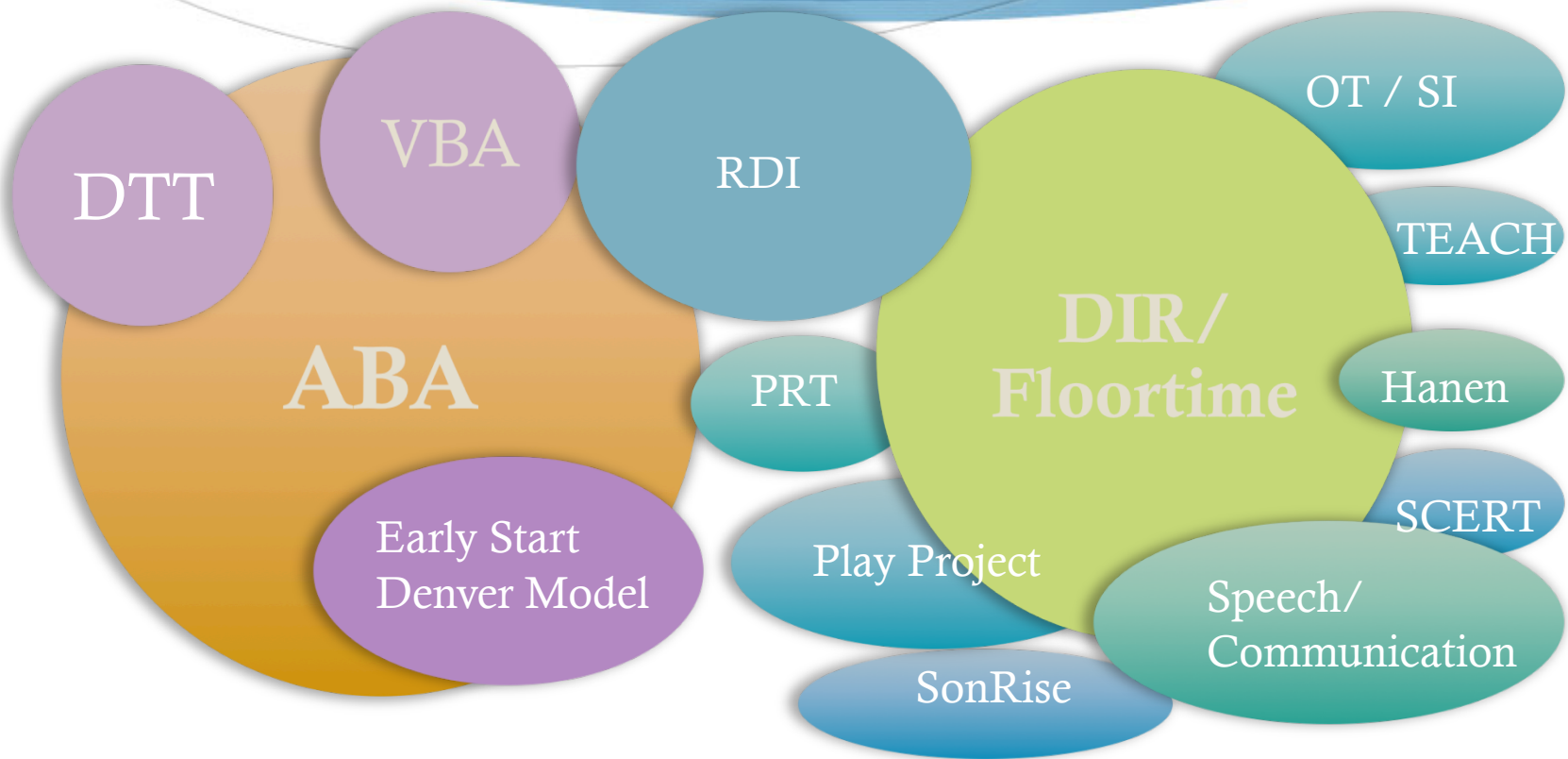
*The life that I've been lucky to lead.*

*A posthumous thank you will never suffice*

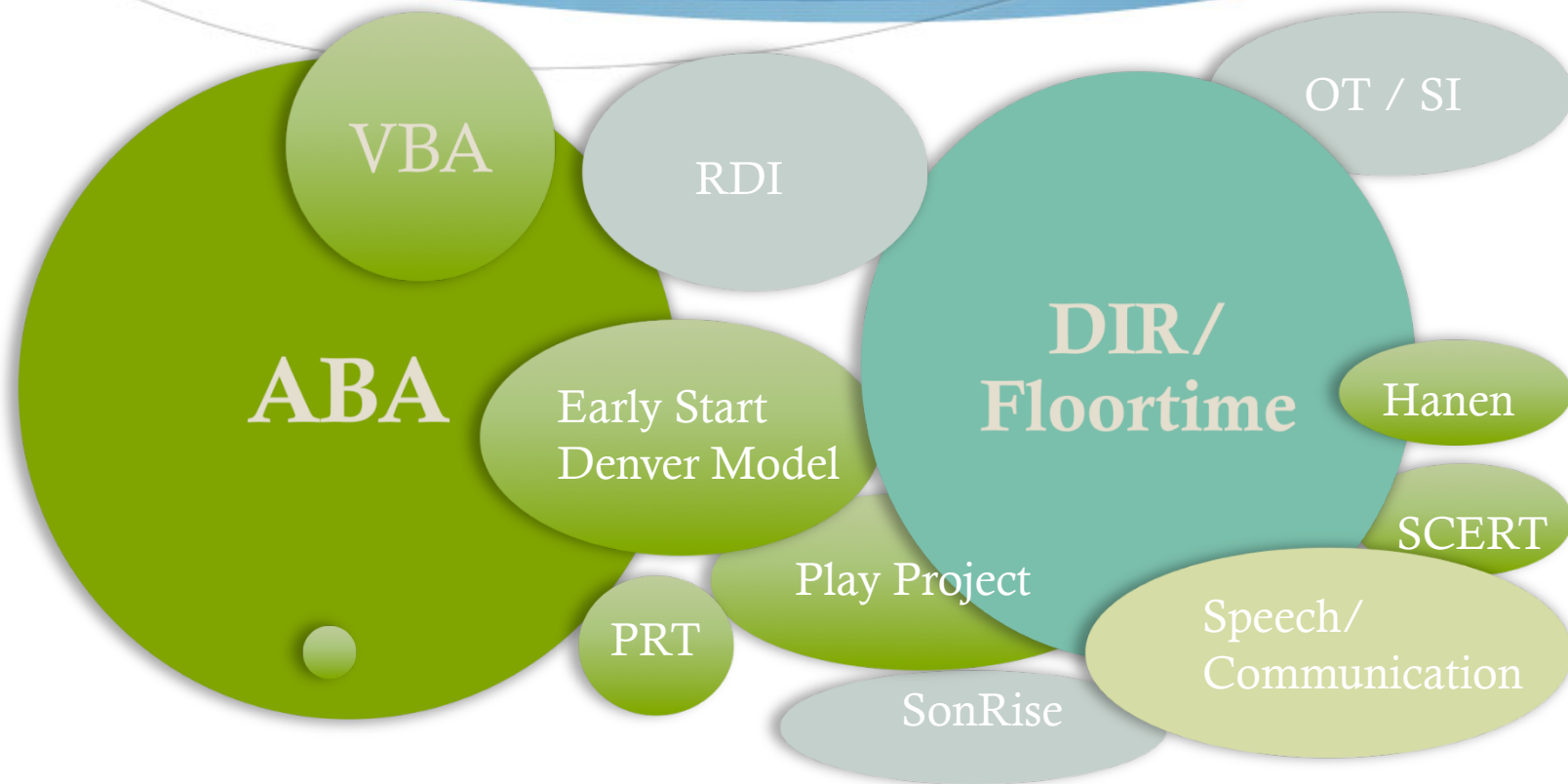
Pablo



# A Universe of “Autism interventions”



# Evidence Based Interventions?



**“Perfection of means and confusion of goals seem to characterize our age” - Einstein**

# Confusion of Goals



“Evidence based  
interventions”

“Fixing”,  
increase IQ,  
language, social  
interaction



# Human Development Journey or Autism Intervention?

Strengths

Deficit

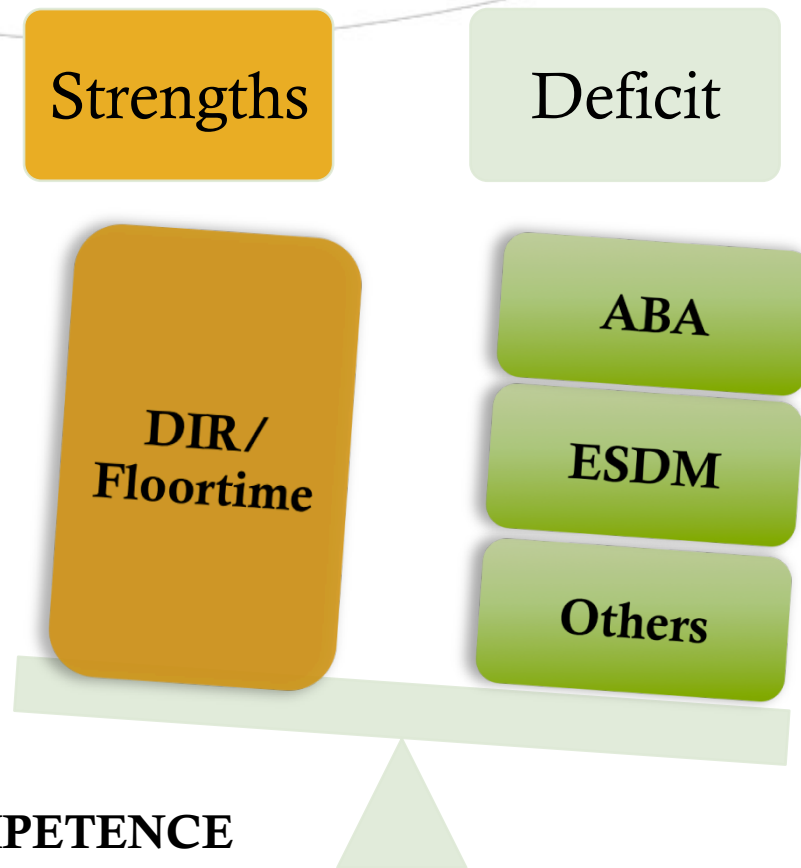
DIR/  
Floortime

ABA

ESDM

Others

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# DIR is a Human Development Framework

Multi-Risk Families Study

- **DEVELOPMENT**

- 9 Functional emotional capacities

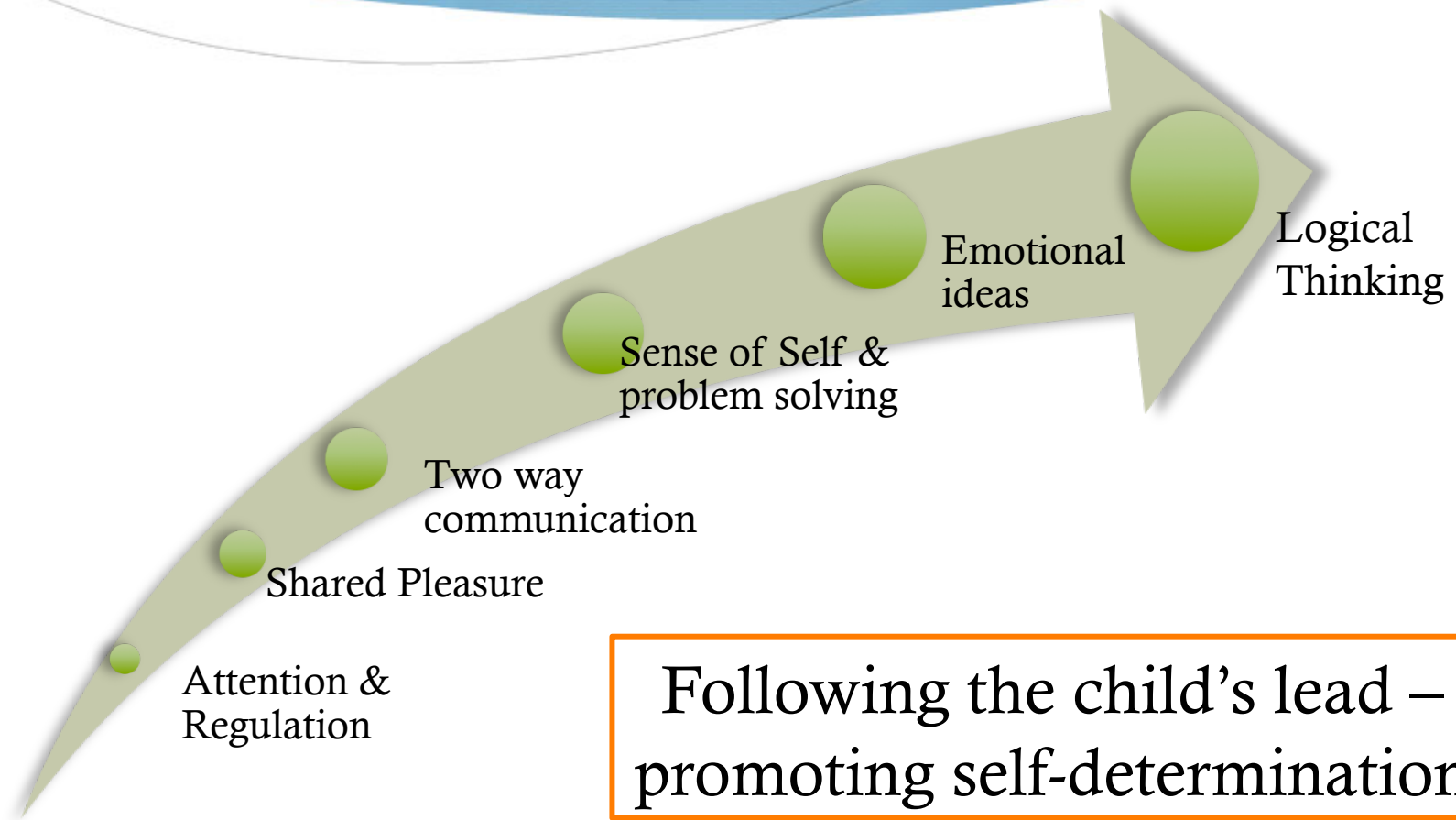
- **INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES**

- strengths and areas that need support

- **RELATIONSHIPS**

- every interaction counts!
- FLOORTIME Principles!

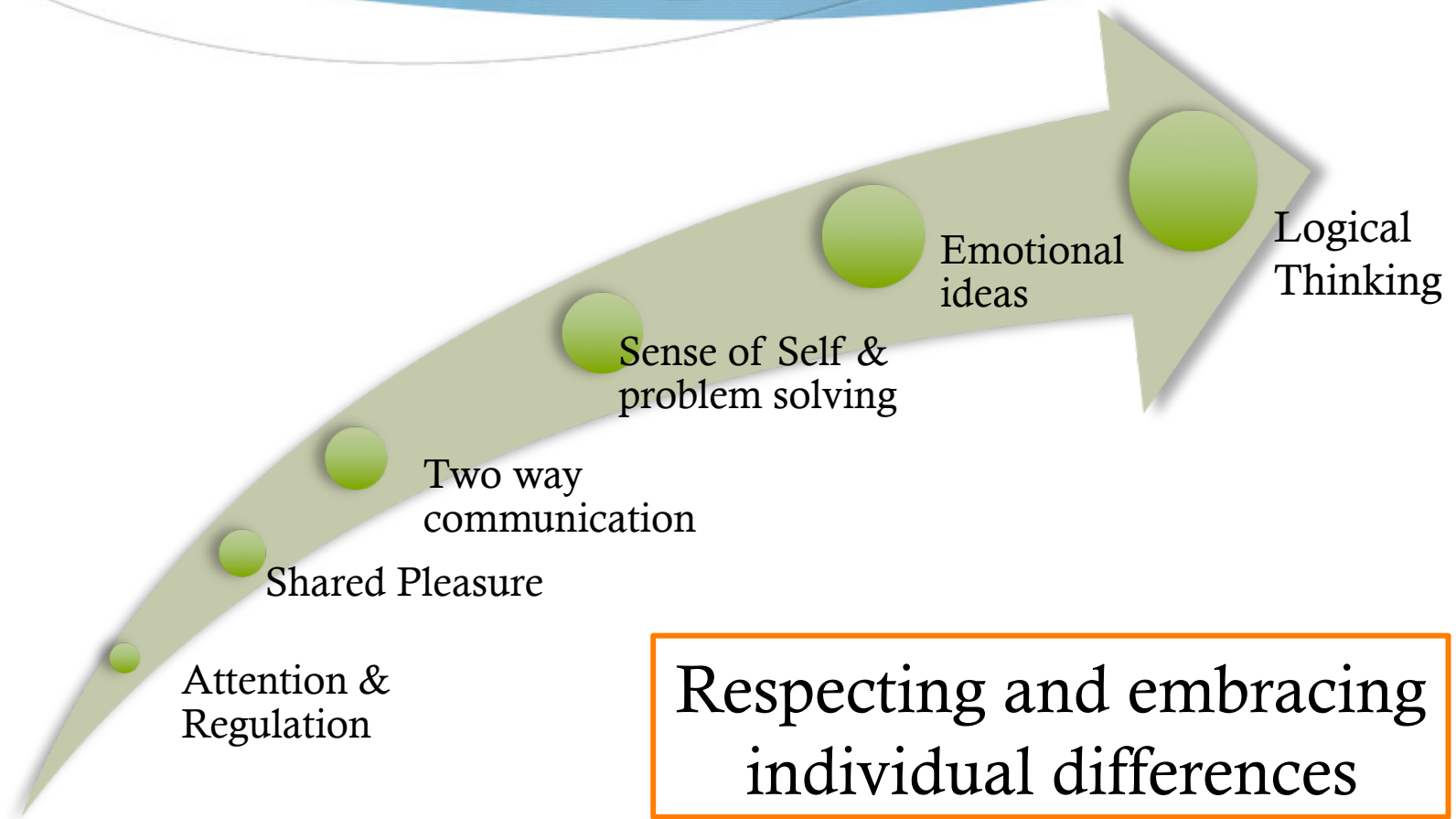
# Social Emotional Developmental Framework



# Following the Child's Lead

- ✓ Presumes competence
- ✓ Embraces strengths
- ✓ Promotes self-determination throughout the lifespan
- ✓ Incorporates the voice of the autistic community and

# Supporting circles of communication at increasing levels of complexity



# A Job Ahead of Us

The job ahead of us.

A favor from Stanley Greenspan.

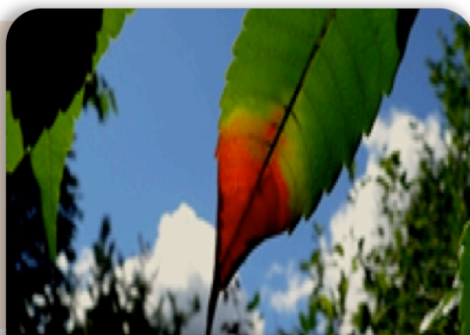




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floortime**

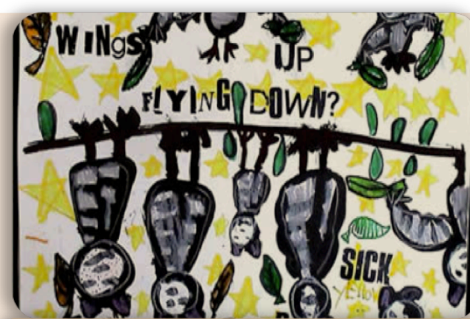
# Incorporating the voice of the autistic community



Glimpse  
Vol. 1  
2008



Glimpse  
Vol. 2  
2009



Glimpse  
Vol. 3  
2010

# Incorporating the voice of the autistic community



NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

# Incorporating the voice of the autistic community

- ✓ 2011 ICDL Annual Conference:
  - ✓ Ari Ne'eman joined Saturday panel
- ✓ 2012 Autism Acceptance Month:
  - ✓ Webinar with almost 100 participants  
[Neurodiversity: Implications for service provision and practice.](#)

# Incorporating the voice of the autistic community

- ✓ 2012 DIRFloortime Training program
  - ✓ Open to anyone who wants to learn the model
  - ✓ Strength based model
  - ✓ Learning objectives: embrace strengths
  - ✓ Content includes:
    - ✓ Neurodiversity Webinar (with Ari Ne'eman)
    - ✓ Quiet Hands poem
    - ✓ Loud Hands project
    - ✓ Presuming competence (<http://ollibean.com/2012/04/19/presuming-competence/>)



# The Power of Affect

Developing Human Potential Through  
DIRFloortime, Self-Determination and Mindsight

2012 ICDL Annual Conference  
November 16-18, Montclair, NJ





# Incorporating the voice of the autistic community

## THE POWER OF AFFECT

### ✓ **Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- ✓ Morning Panel on Neurodiversity and Autism: Developmental Journeys and Self-Determination
  - ✓ **Shaping an Inclusive World: Disability Rights, Neurodiversity and Public Policy (Ari Ne'eman)**
  - ✓ **Diverse Brains, Common Needs: Stereotypes, Quality of Life, and the Broad Impact of Accommodation (Morton Gernsbacher, Ph.D.)**
  - ✓ **Society Needs Diversity: Innovation, Globalization, Public Policy, and Finding A Good Niche for Everyone (Josh Feder, MD)**
- ✓ Afternoon session: **Loud Hands project (Julia Bascom)**



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