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Child development is a process that encompasses growth in education, physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is one of the most productive theories that foster early childhood development (Heward et al., 2022). The structured approach has evidence-based interventions like dot and data narrative base intervention (DNI) and direct teaching of trusted behaviors (DTT) to enhance cognitive and behavioral performance. ABA efficiently teaches skills and manages behavior but usually needs to pay more attention to targeted emotional regulation, reciprocal interplay, and sensory processing.

The floortime approach created by Dr. Stanley Greenspan has an intensive focus on the child's emotional and relational progress, which aims to be achieved through play (Firnady et al., 2020). Sensory integration strategies focus on problematic sensory information processing to improve the child's ability to manage their surroundings. Implementing the complementary models under ABA and embending floor time and sensory integration could enhance a broad system that addresses the different domains of children's development. The paper proposes a new blended model that explains how to apply the various interventions under ABA in child development to optimize children's outcomes.

**ABA Interventions: An Overview**

ABA interventions emphasize behavior-changing approaches based on positive reinforcement or punishment for learnable behaviors (Eckes et al., 2023). The intervention entails two primary methods: discrete trial training (DTT) and naturalistic developmental behavioral interventions (NDBIs), which have various benefits. DTT is a prescriptive approach intended to teach particular behaviors broken down into small segments. One of the most significant advantages of DTT is its systematized structure, which lets the practitioner accurately assess advancements and educate children on complicated specific skills (Eckes et al., 2023). The approach could be more flexible and may pose a problem when placing skills in such broad categories because it is only sometimes easy for children to use the lessons learned in everyday life situations.

NDBI strategies such as Pivotal Response Training or the Early Start Denver focus more on learning in the natural context (Lee et al., 2023). The methods involve using the child's initiative in an activity to assist in abilities such as social communication. Implementing NDBI can be very effective at increasing intrinsic motivation and promoting the spontaneous initiation of interaction by the child. The technique can be demanding of the practitioner to utilize effectively, primarily requiring the practitioner to be poised to follow the child's lead regarding interests and behavior quickly.

**Floor Time and Sensory Integration: Expanding the Framework**

While ABA interventions center on behavior modification and skill development, floor time and sensory integration address vital aspects of a kid's life, such as emotions and feelings.. The floor time approach aims at closeness and inter and intrapersonal relationships. The intervention entails getting to the level of the child's education needs and, with each step, provoking the kid to rise to another level. Floor time is helpful in emotional and social development, which regular ABA programs may not cover (Aslan, 2020). However, when incorporated into ABA sessions, floor time can improve engagement and relational skills, helping children who have problems with transitions or social difficulties.

Sensory integration intervention strategies are concerned with how children can better understand the sensory input of their environment. Developmentally challenged children undergo sensory processing disorders, including noise sensitivity or an inability to coordinate movements due to the disorders (Aslan, 2020). Interventions such as swinging, touch, and regular massage or using sounds help manage children's sensory integration. Using these techniques within ABA programs guarantees that other aspects of the child's development needs are equally responded to other than behavior or cognitive objectives in every learning session.

**Models for Developmental Domains**

Different child development domains require tailored approaches. These domains include cognitive, emotional, and social development and require therapists to apply various interventions. When therapists apply ABA, floor time, and sensory integration, they get a comprehensive approach to addressing cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development issues in children (Eckes et al., 2023). DTT works well with developing discrete skills such as counting, object identification, or sentence construction. Therapists can efficiently combine these structured methods with sensory activities to fine-tune concentration and memory.

Floor time improves children’s social and emotional development by focusing on relational and emotional competencies (Barghi et al., 2023). The approach allow a therapist to present skill-related tasks in a systematic and fun manner to establish the child's confidence-relational-building. ABA interventions can enrich communication development by providing naturalistic contexts where children can practice social skills with peers and fidget objects tangible for self-regulation during difficult learning episodes.

Motor and perceptual-motor development can affect children's social skills, self-care, and vocational pursuits. Sensory integration involving physical activities helps children enhance motor accomplishments (Hafez Afefe Barakat et al., 2023). Specialists can efficiently use these activities in ABA programs to incorporate motor tasks within functional environments. Sensory and naturalistic approaches can help therapists teach children physical and adaptive learning methods using unique yet fun ways.

**Proposed Blended Model**

Considering the advantages and setbacks of individual methods and the lack of proper learning environments in schools, blending several interventions is an optimal solution to treating diverse child developmental needs (Lee et al., 2023). The blended model combines the mechanical rigidity of ABA, the interpersonal connectionism of floor time, and the proprioceptive accommodation of sensory integration to produce a child-centered approach to diverse children's needs.The first key step in putting the blended model into practice involves evaluating all the domains of a child's development to identify areas of strengths and concerns. The process includes a behavioral assessment, sensory profile, and emotional picture to get an overall picture of the child. Floor time deals with children's relational and emotional growth and sensory integration for self-regulation and motor skills (Barghi et al., 2023). An example of routine practice is sensory tasks meant for creating a learning context, then discrete trial training for developing the specific skill, and ending with floor time, which would then emphasize the social aspect or relation.

**Challenges and Solutions**

There are various advantages and disadvantages of using a blended model. Combining multiple ABA approaches raises issues that require solutions to avoid clashes (Leaf et al., 2022). Improved communication among practitioners and standard training across therapeutic approaches are prerequisite conditions for successful implementation. Another essential feature is training practitioners who will operate the communities. Blending the approaches requires skills in ABA, floor time, and sensory integration, thus the need for professional development for staff members (Leaf et al., 2022). Parental involvement is also essential in supporting strategies outside the therapy

**Conclusion**

Child development is a complex phenomenon that requires comprehensive and flexible approaches. Interventions within ABA are pivotal in providing instruction in observable and quantifiable individual skills. The proposed method offers a framework for analyzing the child's needs and how to meet them in cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development within a more flexible framework. More future research should be dedicated to the outcome of this two-sided approach so that practitioners can gain experience and enhance the field's use of the system. The blended model can set a benchmark for addressing childhood developmental issues if sustained with innovation and collaboration.

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