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Autistic Children Need Socialization Skills

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ATLANTA -- The number of children diagnosed with autism is growing and families are looking for help with coping skills. There are a few centers in the U.S. leading the way in autism therapies.

One of them is the Marcus Institute here in Georgia.

Another is the Enable Center in Syracuse, New York.

Among the children, 9-year-old Noah Sauve, who unlike many children, has to be taught how to play and interact with other children.

Hanging out with friends is something most take for granted.

"I think most people just consider him a typical little boy. His big deficits are just socially, which is why we're here," shares Noah's mother, Jeanne Pizzuto-Sauvi.

Jeanne takes him to group therapy once a week where social workers teach simple skills, like how to introduce yourself or hold a conversation.

The Georgia Walk of Autism is Saturday, April 12 at Atlantic Station. The goal is to raise awareness and money. For more information on getting involved, go to www.walknowforautism.org.

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