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Self-harm Moving attention away from the inner turmoil; Diversion; Maintenance of successful strategies; Epilepsy; 5. Intensive Interaction; The dynamic of conversations; Seeing things differently; Significance; Imitation; Repetitive behaviour and the brain-body language; Where we are focused - feedback; Surprise; Observation and the individual repertoire; Neglecting the inner-world language; Christopher; Intensive Interaction and attention to the hypersensitivities; Video; Pranve; Gabriel; Working from the present; Using the personal code; Moving attention from 'self' to 'other'
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Sommario/riassunto

Caldwell introduces Intensive Interaction, which uses the body language of people whose learning disabilities are combined with autistic spectrum disorder - who have largely been regarded as unreachable - to get in touch with them, giving them a way of expressing themselves which shifts their attention from self-stimulation to shared activity.
