



# **Autism Social Conversation Training**

### **Summary**

- Users practice social skills through conversations with Sam Martin.
- Intended for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder and others with difficultly in social settings.
- Sam's background, mood, interests, topics for discussion, and willingness to talk change with each play, creating a unique experience every time.
- Engaging, different conversations promote repeated practice and generalizable skill building.
- Users receive ongoing feedback on conversational techniques and their abilities to read verbal and non-verbal conversational cues

• Created in partnership with The Catholic University of America.

#### Scenario

• Users assume the role of a Terry, who will meet and converse with Sam while at a low-key neighborhood party.

• Sam behaves differently in every conversation based on his mood, interests, and the appropriateness of your responses.

• Sam's mood will change based on the rapport users are able to build with him.

- Topics the user can discuss include:
  - Work
  - · Where you and Sam each live
  - Educational background
  - · Feelings about the party
  - Common interests

## **Learning Objectives**

After achieving mastery through repeated conversations, users gain experience in:

- Reading conversational cues
- · Beginning and ending conversations
- Discussing appropriate conversation topics
- Learning which topics to avoid when first meeting someone
- · Maintaining the conversation

#### **Seat Time**

- Approximately an hour of e-learning material that includes:
  - Tips for maintaining a conversation
  - · noticing signs of interest and disinterest for a conversation partner
  - · and sharing time in a conversation
- Simulated conversations can last from 10 20 minutes.



