

Wisconsin Early Autism Project

What is WEAP?

WEAP stands for the Wisconsin Early Autism Project. WEAP is a program and clinic that provides treatment for children that are diagnosed with Autism. The program is based off the work of Dr. Ivar Lovaas. The idea of the program is to use an intensive behavior approach when working with children who have Autism. The curriculum WEAP provides addresses deficits most common in Autism: understanding language, communicating with and relating to peers, building age appropriate and symbolic play skills, and increasing conceptual thinking and cognitive skills.

WEAP's Treatment Program

- Takes a totally positive approach
- Personalizes the curriculum based on each child's needs
- Presents new material in a fun way that's easy to master
- Keeps children happy and motivated to learning

Why WEAP?

30 years ago, 2-4 children in 10,000 born in America would eventually be diagnosed with Autism. Today the number is 1 in 88 children. Autism is a developmental disorder which disconnects children from their environment and other people. Children with Autism are quite different from each other. The presence and severity of specific symptoms is quite variable. Currently Autism cannot be cured but there is treatment for it. Research has shown that 50% of WEAP clients were able to achieve average IQs and go to school without Special Education.

For more information about this local agency please click on the following link: [Wisconsin Early Autism Project](#)

