Non-verbal learning disorders affect all ages

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"It's another area of speech pathology that's called pragmatics. And what that is, is those social communication cues that we just follow innately because it's just how we've been taught. Things such as appropriate space in between each other whenever you're talking for proximity. And depending on the different cultures that you're in, certain cultures like to be closer. Other ones are like, you need to stay far back away from me." (:25)

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"If I make a joke, this is what I need to look for in your face and your body language that tells me that I have unintentionally made you unhappy. Whenever I thought that it was more humorous on that side." (:13)

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"I want you to tell me what identifications you can find in this picture, in this video that tells you this person is upset or that tells you that this person is happy. And then vice versa. It's very similar for kids. Usually people with autism have some more difficulties with pragmatics, kind of understanding that. And then identifying, OK, this is what this emotion is. This is how I respond to this emotion."