This introduction provides basic information about peer-mediated instruction and intervention.

**What is PMII?**
- PMII is an evidence-based practice for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) from 3 to 22 years old.
- You might have heard PMII called: Peer Modeling, Peer Initiation Training, Direct Training for Target Student and Peer, Peer Networks, or Peer Supports.
- PMII teaches peers without disabilities ways to socialize with learners with ASD.

**Why use PMII with my child?**
- Learners with ASD struggle with socialization and might have limited opportunities to have meaningful social interactions with other children and youth without disabilities.
- PMII increases the likelihood that learners with ASD will interact with peers without disabilities.
- Skills addressed by PMII can include:
  - saying hello
  - playing with others
  - joining a game or activity
  - having a conversation with peers

**What activities can I do at home?**
- Praise or reinforce socially appropriate behaviors (such as saying hello, playing a game with a sibling, listening, using appropriate personal space)
- Model social interactions frequently (such as turn taking, having a conversation)
- Create opportunities for your child to interact with peers (such as a sports team, church group, school clubs, or play group)