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# Webinar: Deborah Fein discusses an ‘optimal outcome’ in autism

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Here's how Fein describes what she will discuss in this webinar:

*How individuals with autism fare in adolescence and adulthood varies widely. Some face severe*

*challenges in managing everyday life, whereas others function well in work and relationships. Although there are many definitions of success and ways of being fulfilled, our research group has been studying one particular 'optimal outcome' for individuals diagnosed with autism. The individuals we study no longer meet the diagnostic criteria for the condition. They function cognitively and socially like neurotypical individuals.*

*In this webinar, I will present data on early childhood characteristics and treatment histories that tend to predict an optimal outcome. I will also describe the current behavioral and psychiatric functioning of a group of individuals who have achieved this outcome, alongside brain imaging results from my lab that suggest mechanisms of change.*