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Program reduces autism bad behaviors					
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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov 27, 2009 (UPI via COMTEX) Behavioral problems of autistic children can be reduced throu medication and a parental training program, U.S. researchers say.	ugh				
The 24-week study involved 124 children ages 4-13 with autism, Asperger's or related disorders at Yale University.					
The research, conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health Research Units on Pediatric Psychopharmacology Network, found anti-psychotic medication risperidone, or Risperdal, reduced behavioral problems as tantrums, aggre self-injury in children with autism.					
However, most children's symptoms returned when the medication was discontinued after six months.					
Researchers at Yale University, Ohio State University and Indiana University tested the benefits of medication alone c with medication plus a parent training program that actively involves parents in managing their children's severely dis non-compliant behaviors.					
In a series of 14 sessions over six months, parents were taught to reduce their children's challenging behavior and to daily living skills.	o enhance				
The study, to be published in the December issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Ps found although both groups improved over the six-month trial, the group receiving combination therapy showed greate reduction in disruptive behavior, tantrums and aggression compared with the group receiving medication only.					
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