



**Peter Mundy, Ph.D.** is a developmental and clinical psychologist who has been working on defining the nature of autism for the past 26 years. His work in this area began in 1981 at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. His studies with collaborator Marian Sigman contributed to the current understanding that joint attention impairments are part of the fundamental features of the early onset of social deficits of children with autism. This observation has contributed to improvements in the early identification and the diagnosis of autism.

For the past 16 years Dr. Mundy has held the position of Professor of Psychology at the University of Miami. He is the founding Director of the University of Miami Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, which serves over 3000 children and families. He is also the Founding Co-Director of the Marino Autism Research Institute with Wendy Stone at Vanderbilt University. He is actively engaged in the study of the neurodevelopment of joint attention in young children with autism and typical development, and has recently begun to turn his attention to understanding and treating problems in the social and emotional development encountered by higher functioning children and adolescents with autism. The National Institute of Mental Health currently funds his work on this topic.

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