

	VIDEO	AUDIO
	FADE IN:	MUSIC FADES IN (piano) Natural sound throughout piece)
		NARRATOR: Raising and teaching a special needs child can be both challenging and rewarding. Over 500 thousand children, within the USA, have a special need. Autism alone may affect more than 2 children in every 500. For parents there are many concerns.
	Evan in classroom	LISA WOODY: What's in my child's future?
	Lisa Woody	What sorts of living arrangements or educational arrangements are going to be available to him, what and um, unfortunately a lot of states and this state included have very poor options.
	A child sings to the camera and students play instruments	NARRATOR: New knowledge of the human central nervous system has lead to a better understanding of how adult stem cells could one day be used to treat autism, multiple sclerosis, and brain cancer.
	Sylvia Goggins	SYLIVA GOGGINS: A lot of new brain research is being done that I think will really impact how we're able to provide early intervention for these children
	Teacher reading to students	NARRATOR: Some children with autism are capable of verbal communications, however for others communication is in the form of hand gestures. Many new assistive tools, such as computers, software can benefit special needs children.
	Meghan Pate	MEGHAN PATE: The biggest drawbacks that the children are facing right now not being able to want to communicate with the teachers and the peers and so their frustrated.

Student helping a teacher

Students in lunchroom

SYLVIA GOGGINS: You just have to be willing...

Sylvia Goggins

to want to see something through and follow it and at the same time you also have to realize everybody has limitations not only the child that your teaching but possibly you as a teacher can do for that child.

helping students

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Meghan Pate

I think it is important that you push them as hard as you can but there is a limit to what they can do and how hard you should push them.

Student bouncing on a ball with helping

Lisa Woody

No one knows with any of these children regardless of their diagnosis how quickly or how slowly they may progress.

Students in computer lab

Sylvia Goggins

Sylvia Goggins: As I have said it has increased my faith a lot in human nature and in people and in the ability of people to rise above their disabilities and I really don't ever want to do anything else.

Students and teacher working together

NARRATOR: Having the right attitude offers hope to special needs students, and can make any day more productive for a child. Teachers focus on a child's accomplishments and reward a student for their efforts.

Lisa Woody

Everyday I try to find the joy in little things in that day otherwise just the frustrations, the interruptions and whatnot that you have with a special needs child can rob you of

that and that joy is gone forever unless you capture that.

Student asking a teacher a question

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