



Therapy in VR.
Helping individuals develop
and maintain social
connections.

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We believe VR will be the future in teaching essential relationship skills to individuals with AS.

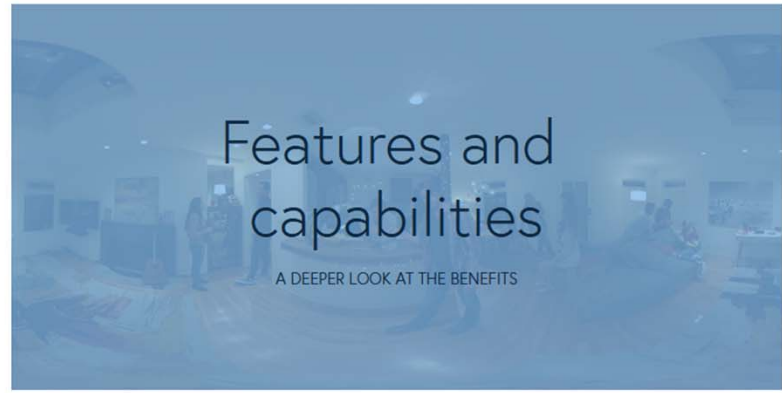
Virtual Reality will transform the way that individuals with AS learn social skills and improve relationship development.

Researchers have used VR since the mid-1990s to help individuals with AS to navigate stressful situations and rehearse job interviews. While this platform has been successful in the past, only in the last three years is VR accessible to the public.

Using VR and cinematic filmmaking, our curriculum teaches social skills to persons with AS so that that the experience mirrors real life interactions. Additionally, SWVR includes a data tracking tool that monitors timed response, gaze, and correct response.



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FACILITATOR APP
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IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK
Receive immediate feedback

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CINEMATIC QUALITY

Our scenarios are filmed using the best actors, cameras, and software so that every aspect feels like a real time, real life experience.



FACILITATOR APP

Real time interaction with the therapist who can react to what the user is saying and capable of providing visual feedback on performance.



IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK

Receive immediate feedback on eye gaze, response time to the questions, and how often they/the user answers correctly or incorrectly. Delivered directly to your email after your session.

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A Future in Focus has created a virtual reality application (VR) program for individuals diagnosed with ASD who have a high Intelligence Quotient (IQ). This application enhances an individual's ability to develop meaningful and sustained social connections within the domains of friendship, dating, romantic relationships, and sexual behaviors. Specifically, for the VR prototype, we developed scenarios to help individuals improve following along with non-preferred conversations, reading body language, and responding to vocal tone. Through the developed VR prototype, the user is presented with social scenarios that can track eye gaze, head movement, and response latency.

Immersive Social Skills Training



House party

Experience a house party and practice staying on topic, meeting new friends, and maintaining conversations.



Rejection

Engage in a conversation that leads to an awkward rejection.



Staying on topic

Stay on topic during this scenario where actors ask you a question and respond to your answer.



Bullying

Learn to respond to bullying or a hostile environment. Practice eye gaze and breathing to better cope with these experiences.



Say "no" to drugs

Practice saying no to drugs and walking away from uncomfortable situations.



Intimacy

Respond to physical advances in an environment that teaches correct eye gaze and physical space.



First date



Airport security



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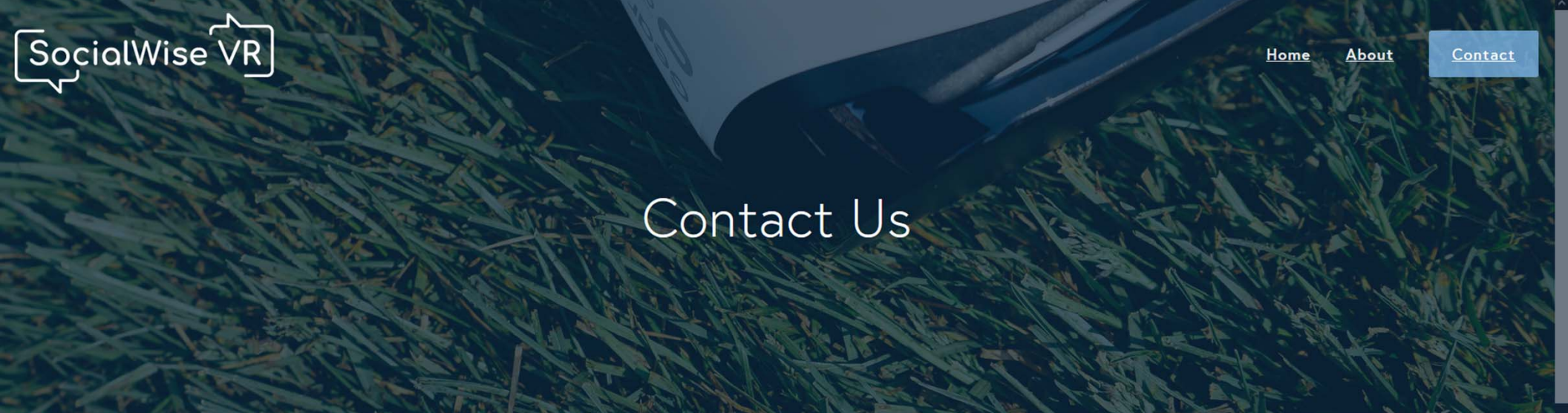
Jenifer is the Founder and Director of A Future in Focus and works in London as a Behavior Specialist in schools, and with private families. Through Pennsylvania State University, Jenifer fulfilled the requirements for the post bachelors program in Applied Behaviour Analysis and a post-graduate program in Experimental Psychology. In addition, Jenifer has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Film from San Francisco State University. The creative fusion of behavioural therapy and film inspired Jenifer to create SocialWise VR which bridges the gaps between the visual arts and therapeutic support to help prepare adolescents who are entering adulthood. Jenifer conducts functional behaviour assessments and implements home and school systems that are unique to the goals and motivation of the client. She works closely with school employees practitioners, care providers and families to educate and empower them.

closely with school employees practitioners, care providers and families to educate and empower them to utilize evidence based procedures in their homes and schools. Jenifer has longstanding relationships with reputable school districts, agencies, and organizations that specialize in providing services for both children and adults on the Autistic Spectrum throughout California and surrounding west coast states. Jenifer currently resides in London and works closely with schools and families across the UK, EU, and US.



NICOLE LOCKERMAN

Nicole is the co-director of SocialWise VR. Nicole is the Head of School for a college preparatory high school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Previously, Nicole was the Director of AHEADD (Achieving in Higher Education) and the Director of Transition and Higher Education Services for AERI Behavioral Health in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Nicole previously worked for The Watson Institute where she participated in the development of one of the first college acclimation programs in the United States and Ireland. Nicole completed her Masters in the Art of Teaching at Chatham University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature /Creative Writing and Eastern Religion. Nicole has worked with children, adolescents, and young adults diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder for the past 17 years. She has developed support programs for college students diagnosed with ASD across the country and internationally. Nicole resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with her family.



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