

# PLAY

VS

# ABA

Increase in skills related to relationships, social skills, language and feelings

Outcome

Competency in varied skills, especially cognitive and academic

Social interaction and following the child's lead

Emphasis

Educational readiness and meeting program goals

More naturalistic (in the home)

Environment

More controlled (often at a center)

Participate and implement interventions during and outside of visits

Parent Role

May not be involved in direct, more traditional ABA services