



A Statewide Organization  
offering VOICSS<sup>®</sup> Music Therapy  
for Preschool, Elementary  
School, Middle School, High  
School, Pre-ETS, and Emotional  
Behavioral Health

# Introductions

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# Voices Together Overview



## **Who do we support?**

Children, teens, and adults with a range of needs, including Mental Health, Autism Spectrum Disorder, sensory processing disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and learning disabilities

# Pre-ETS Goals



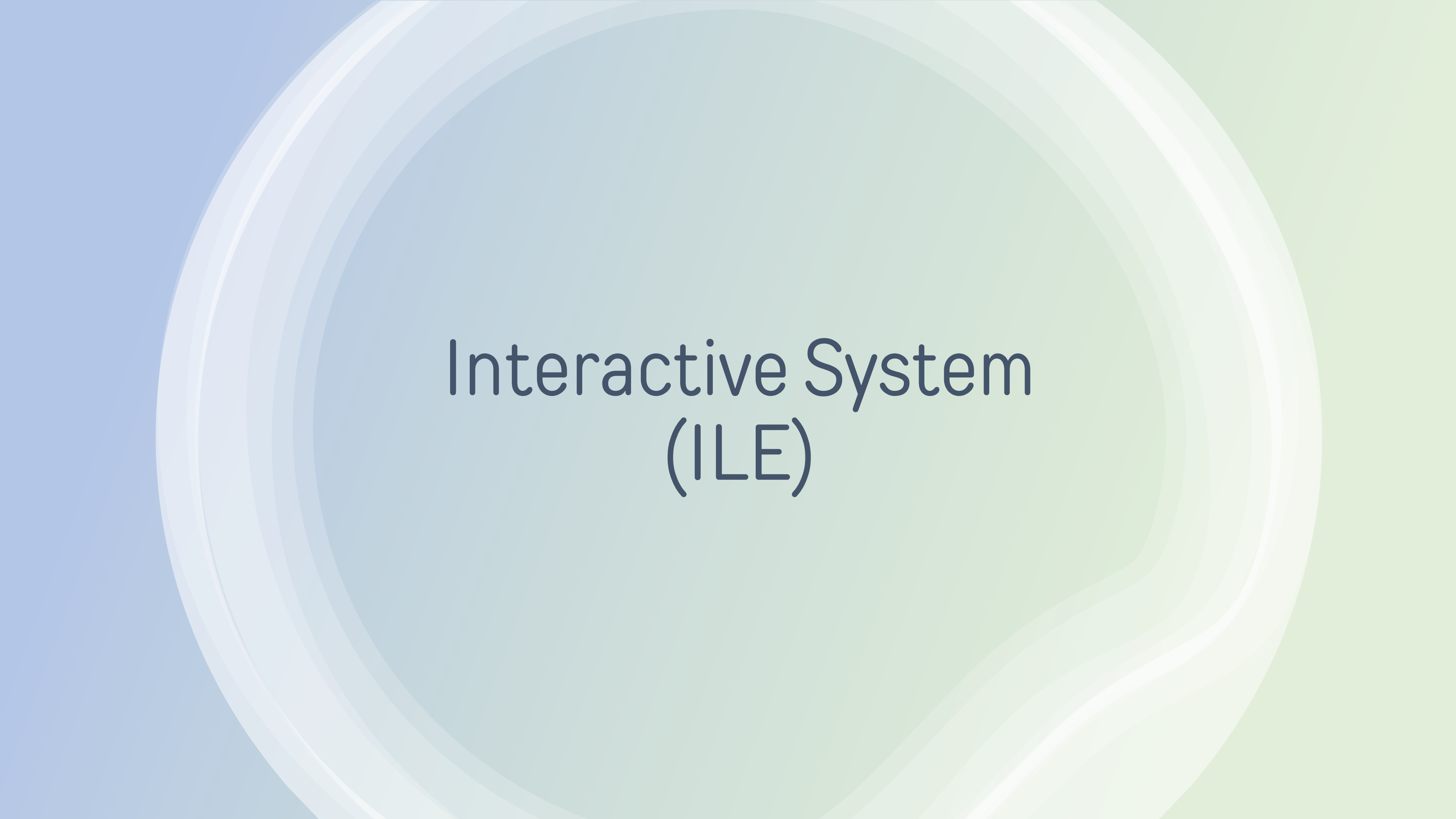
Work Readiness

Instruction in Self-Advocacy

Job Exploration



The  
VOICSSS®  
Model



# Interactive System (ILE)

# Proprietary Curriculum





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## Non-Directive Approach

- Validate
- Choices
- Ask & Listen



Non-Directive Approach = Personal Power and Self-Confidence

# Goals, Outcomes, and Impact

- **Communication**
- **Social/Emotional Learning**
- **Self-Advocacy**

# Partnerships with Schools

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## Classrooms:

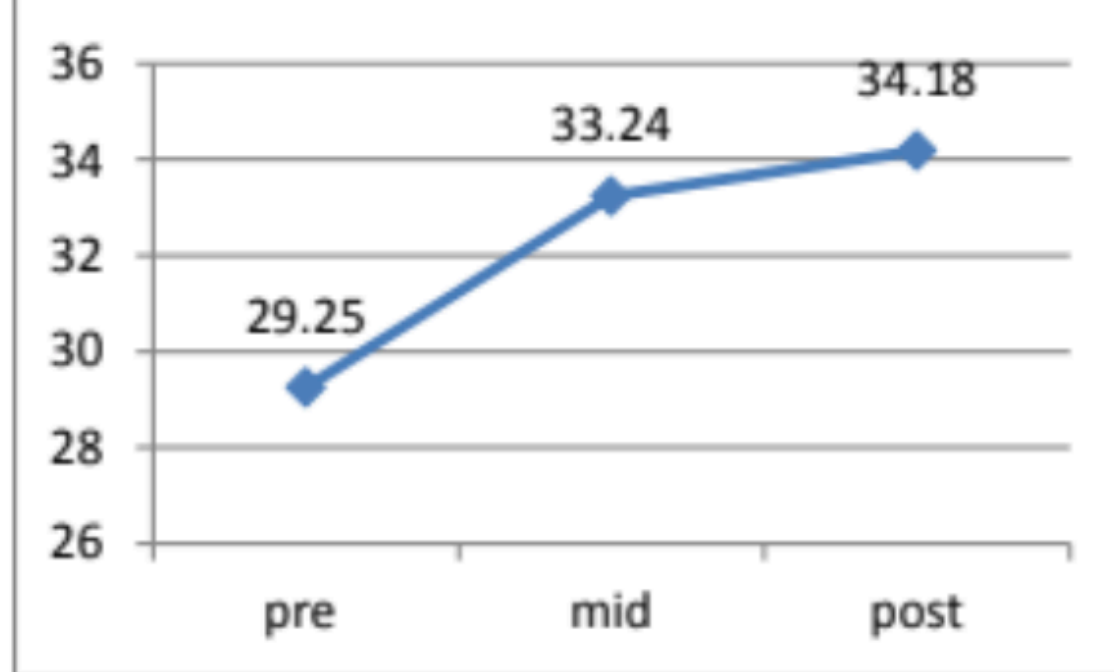
- Moderate (Adapted Curriculum)
- OCS
- Medically Challenged
- Emotional/Behavioral Classrooms
- Mental Health



# VOICSS® Model Data and Impact



**Figure 1. Significant increases in probe responses over time**



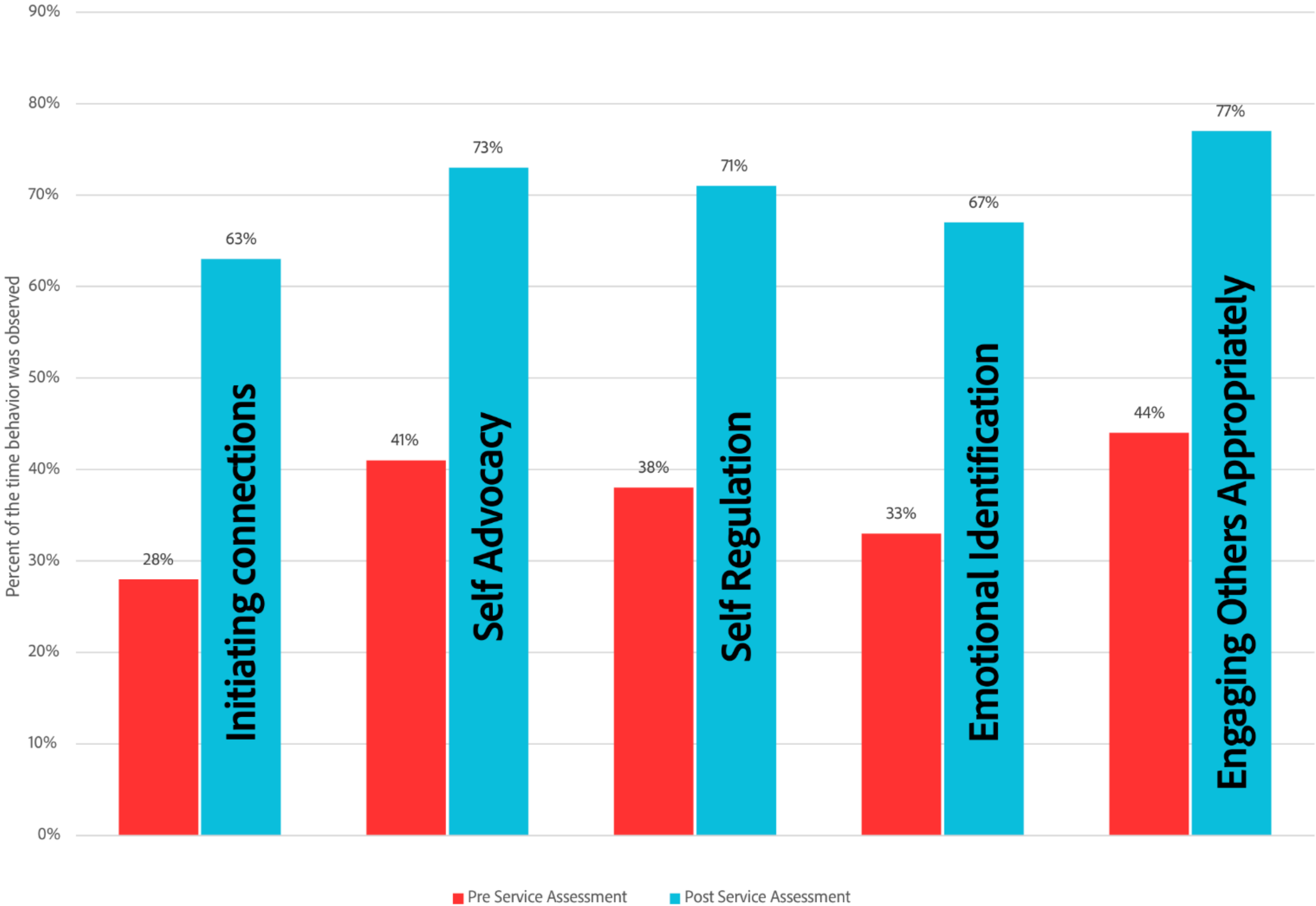
*Researchers from Duke University's Bass Connections and the Social Science Research Institute's Education and Human Development Incubator evaluated student outcomes across 2015-2016 VOICSS<sup>®</sup> Music Therapy sessions.*

### **Conclusions:**

**These results show indicate significant increases in communication and social-emotional adjustment among children with Autism associated with Voices Together participation on the items measures, which in turn reflect the core goals of Voices Together.**

# VOICSS® Classroom Evaluation

## Granville County Addressed Goal Areas Pre & Post VOICSS® Music Therapy





# VOICSS® Experience



# Testimonials

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