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**Functional Analysis and Treatment of
Aggression of a Child with Autism Toward his
Infant Sibling**

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An 11 year old boy diagnosed with autism was referred for treatment of his aggressive behavior toward his infant sibling. A functional analysis was conducted in his home with the boy's mother and infant sibling. Results of the functional analysis indicated that the boy's aggression was negatively reinforced by removal of the infant sibling. Treatment was designed to provide a relatively more dense schedule of negative reinforcement contingent on appropriate requests for time away from his infant sibling. Treatment was effective for both reducing aggression and increasing an appropriate alternative (requests). Results are discussed in terms of the utility of experimental functional analyses.