**=PROGRAM Eye Contact**

**Sd:** “Child’s name”

“Look at me”

**Procedure:**

The child is sitting in a chair and you have something reinforcing. Call the child’s name and hold the reinforcer close to your eyes. You may have to coax the child with the reinforcer and have him follow the reinforcer up to your eyes. Once the child “glances” at your eyes, quickly reinforce. Gradually fade the amount of coaxing with the reinforcer. Gradually fade how close the reinforcer is to your eyes. Differentially reinforce responses demonstrated as the prompt is being faded or without the use of reinforcers.

**Prerequisites:**

Sits in a chair

Accepts reinforcers

**Suggestions:**

* This **MUST** be done in the natural environment throughout the session and **not** run as trials.
* Make sure to talk to the child about whatever you are holding so there is a reason for them to want to look at you.
* Be naturalistic, animated, and enthusiastic
* Make sure the child looks towards your eyes and not just the reinforcer.

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| Target | Date/Response  Probed | Date/Response  Probed | Date Mastered | Date Generalized |
| Responds to name |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Glance |  |  |  |  |
| 2. 1 second |  |  |  |  |
| 3. 3 seconds |  |  |  |  |
| 4. While playing |  |  |  |  |
| 5. From distance |  |  |  |  |
| **Generalize with** |  |  |  |  |
| 6. “Look at me” |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Different phrases |  |  |  |  |