

Robotics & Artificial Intelligence to Improve Social Skills for Elementary Students



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project RAISE is a collaborative project between UCP of Central Florida and the University of Central Florida that aims to improve the social skills of students with disabilities by creating a teaching toolkit featuring the Ray-Z virtual robot and an Al-driven socially assistive robot, ZB.

Through the experience students will have opportunities to learn basic coding while also practicing real-world skills like problem solving, collaboration, cooperation, and strategic thinking in a safe, distraction-free environment. The team at the University of Central Florida designed, created, and patented the Al-driven socially assistive robot ZB.

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The Project RAISE toolkit will focus on supporting students with disabilities in learning communication skills, coding, STEM content, and social relationship skills.

Phase 1: Students learn coding skills and receive communication new coding skills with a peer coaching while building a relationship with the socially assistive robot (SAR) ZB.

Phase 2: Students share their while ZB supports them.

Phase 3: ZB provides personalized support in the classroom to allow students maximum support in the general education setting.







## PROJECT OUTCOME FOR STUDENTS

- Improved social skills and peer social interactions
- Acquisition of knowledge and skills to manage emotions, achieve goals, and establish and maintain relationships
- Understanding of basic coding
- Increased learning in STEM





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