Restricted interests in Life, Animated

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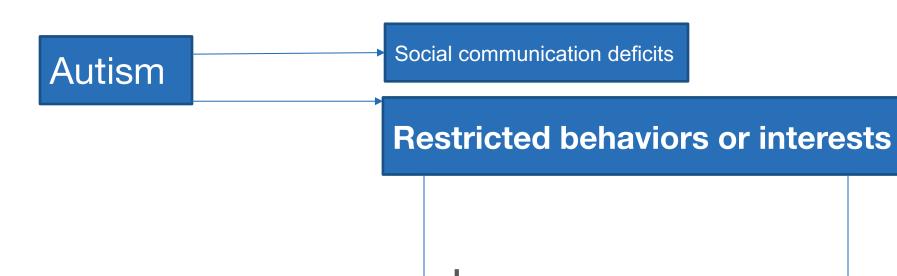
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Restricted behaviors or interests

As clinicians we tend to focus on the negative aspects of restricted interests

But Life, Animated makes a compelling case for considering restricted interests in the larger context of the child's life



A source of well-being (in and of itself)

A source of **community**; a way to develop **relationships** and a sense of **mastery** (Disney movie club)

Could parlay a special interest into employment (at the movie theater)

An interest could be **socially problematic** (not developmentally apropos, or perhaps unsettling)

Family may not be as supportive as the family in this film

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