The ADEP lab is a collaborative team comprised of psychologists, research scientists, and educational practitioners from UMass Dartmouth and the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. The lab focuses on exploring the impact of social and emotional learning on students at early adolescence (grade 5-7). Variables are assessed as a function of context (intervention, school-, classroom-, or individual-level effects).

**Who we are**

-* The Supportive Classrooms Project*

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**What we do**

- Mind the gap: Accountability, observation, and special education
- Applications of the CLASS in special education settings
- The RELATE Project
- There's no "I" in team: Understanding teacher-paraeducator interactions in special education classrooms
- The psychometric validation of the RELATE Tool for Special Education Classroom Observation
- The impact of inter- and intra-classroom transitions on classroom stability and student performance in the EBD classroom

**What's now**

- The RELATE Tool for Special Education Classroom Observation
- Exploring the impact of social and emotional learning on students at risk for school failure
- School connectedness and indicators of academic and psychological adjustment in early adolescence
- School climate, teacher stress and burn out: The effect of a social and emotional learning program on teacher perceptions and performance
- Classroom normative performance and student-teacher relationships during early adolescence
- Advancing the Science of Classroom Observation

**What's next**

- An Interaction-Based Approach to Supporting Learning and Teaching in Special Education Classrooms
- Scoring and Reliability of Special Education Classroom Observations: Examining the Role of Educator Experience and Training

**Join us!**

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