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## Social Communication Groups

Summer III 2010

### Description

#### *The program is:*

- For children diagnosed with expressive and/or pragmatic language disorders as well as those who need the support of a structured social skills program
- Designed to stimulate and enhance verbal and non-verbal social communication skills
- Designed to enhance social skills and social engagement between children of similar ages
- Designed to facilitate the learning and practice of these communication skills in a fun and positive group environment
- Designed to have a maximum of 5 children per group (child to provider ration will be 4-5:1 )
- Provided using a therapeutic model that encompasses behavioral management, verbal behavior, and is balanced according to each child's individual needs to include a combination of therapist driven activities and child initiated activities

### How

The program promotes social communication skills in two formats:

- Direct Instruction of skills through group discussions, activities, and role-plays.
- Practice of skills through group games and interactions in a safe, low risk, atmosphere while receiving immediate coaching and feedback.
- At the initiation of the 4-week session families are asked to complete a social language intake form that focuses on identifying child specific areas of need. These surveys are used to help generate targeted lessons as well as to address specific child needs within the group context.
- At the completion of each weekly session, families are given a 1-page summary describing the targeted lesson/skills for that week to practice at home as well as any child specific feedback

### Who

- Ages 3 -13
- Children will be grouped with similar-aged peers who have similar communication/pragmatic treatment goals
- Children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays, or with other diagnoses impacting verbal and non-verbal social communication



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### **When and Where**

- Saturday mornings at KidsLink NeuroBehavioral Center (map at [www.kidslinkohio.com](http://www.kidslinkohio.com))
- Groups meet for 1 hour for a 4- week program (times determined by group placement)
- Screenings for group placement will be conducted throughout the month of July. Please call KidsLink to schedule a screening if you are new to this group. The screening will be an opportunity for children to meet the therapist to be placed in an appropriate group

### **Groups are led by:**

**Ms. Jocelyn Mills, MA CCC/SLP:** a licensed speech and language pathologist and directs speech pathology services at KidsLink. She completed her Masters degree at Kent State University. Ms. Mills has also completed course work leading to licensure in school administration at Cleveland State University, and is now a PhD candidate in the process of completing her dissertation in Education - Learning and Development at CSU. Ms. Mills has worked in the area of behavioral management for children with autism for the past 13 years, including positions as an independent behavioral therapist and consultant, and multi-handicapped teacher. She has also worked at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism as the coordinator of the speech pathology department. She was then named director of the STARS program (Specialized Teaching for students with Autism and Resources Services) for the Geauga County Educational Service Center, serving as the administrator for the school programming and staffing for 36 students with autism. She enjoys providing speech treatment and behavioral intervention for children with a variety of developmental disabilities. She is married and is an active community member and serves on the board of the National Association of Autism - Northeast Ohio chapter, and she also speaks frequently at the national and local levels.

Ms. Mills background in the areas of speech pathology, education, and behavior management make her one of the most unique providers of social language groups in Northeast Ohio. Ms. Mills extensive background in behavior modification allows her to quickly and easily manage any behavior concerns within the group context to assure that communication and social engagement between children is maximized. This compounded with Ms. Mills experience in the school environment allows her the ability to develop lessons and identify targeted skills that will support communication and social skills that enhance the generalization of communication to a variety of environments.



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**Program Dates:**

August 7, 14, 21, 28

**Cost**

- The program fee is \$240.00.
- To reserve your spot, please send payment of \$120.00 in with the attached application. The remaining \$120.00 is due on the first day of the session.
- Dates for the groups will not be changed. Should Jocelyn be absent, another of our speech therapists will facilitate. Credit for missed days will not be available.
- Per guidelines of your insurance, the program costs may be reimbursable. Also, we are Autism Scholarship Providers.

**Application and Enrollment Process**

- Complete the attached application and return it with your payment to: KidsLink NeuroBehavioral Center: Attention: Sue Corp, 8054 Darrow Road, Bldg. D, Suites 5 and 6, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087.
- **Parents are encouraged to reply as early as possible, as enrollment is limited.** Call KidsLink at 330-963-8600 with any questions.

***We look forward to working with you and your child!***



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***Social Language Group Application***

**CHILD INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Been in group previously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, Last Session? \_\_\_\_\_

If No, do you currently see other providers at KidsLink? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

***My primary concerns and areas of need in regards to my child's language and social skills:***

***Any other important information:***