



TEEN GROUP - MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE Spring 2019

Description: For Teens & Pre-Teens Middle School age:

- diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder or High Functioning Autism, ADHD, or Social Anxiety
- designed to improve friendship behaviors and social skills
- designed to provide support for Teens & Pre-Teens who may be isolated from peers
- designed to promote self-esteem through success experiences
- designed to help improve the ability to act positively and effectively with others
- designed to have a maximum of 8 per group
- developed and directed by Michelle DePolo, Psy.D., BCBA-A, Pediatric Psychologist
- facilitated by Rachel Pasquerilla, EdS, BCBA and Lindsey Tornow, EdS, BCBA

How

The program promotes social development, friendship skills, and self-esteem in two formats:

- **Center-Based-(7 groups)** provides direct and indirect instruction about targeted social behaviors, coping, problem solving and emotions through formal and informal group discussions and activities
- **Community-Based-(3 groups)** provides opportunities ("incidental teaching moments") for Teens to practice their skills in community settings such as bowling, laser tag, restaurants
- Treatment goals are specifically tailored to meet the needs of the group. Targeted skills and topics include:

making/keeping friends	conversational manners	reducing social anxiety
resilience from depression	non-verbal communication	responding to teasing
two-way conversation	sportsmanship/losing	staying on topic
building self-esteem	understanding social cues	problem solving

Who:

- Teens & Pre-Teens who are **Middle School** age
- Teens & Pre-Teens diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder or High Functioning Autism
- Teens & Pre-Teens who have primary placement in a regular education setting
- Teens & Pre-Teens who have generally average speech and language skills

When and Where

- Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at KidsLink NeuroBehavioral Center, 899 Frost Road, Streetsboro, 44241

Spring 2019 (9 week program)
March 14 th
March 21 st
April 4 th
April 11 th
April 18 th
April 25 th
May 2 nd
May 9 th
May 16 th

Cost

- The program fee is \$450. A deposit of \$225 is required.
Please note: Payment is due in full by the start of group
- Per guidelines of your insurance, the program costs may be reimbursable under the CPT code 90853 (group psychological treatment) and/or 90847 (family therapy). KidsLink is also an **Autism Scholarship** and **John Peterson Scholarship** provider.

Enrollment Process

- To enroll please contact Sue Corp at 330-963-8600 or by email at scorp@kidslinkohio.com
Teens must be registered to attend.
- **Parents are encouraged to reply as early as possible, as enrollment is limited.**