



## **SPEECH-LANGUAGE SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS**

### **Objectives**

Child & Family Development speech therapists work with kids and teens to improve social skills. When there are shared goals, groups can be formed to expand opportunities for practice and friendships.

Social skills groups are for children who struggle during interactions with others. Participants focus on practical conversational skills, such as:

- Greetings
- Turn taking
- Expressing themselves
- Initiating and maintaining conversations
- Social awareness
- Emotions
- Reading nonverbal language from others
- Problem solving scenarios

In the group setting, speech therapists facilitate the interactions to help children understand how to navigate various social situations. Sessions involve a variety of activities including lessons, games, role play and social stories for application of skills.

Groups are formed based on:

- Interest at any give time- Usually, a minimum of three participants is necessary. We maintain an interest list and will contact you as offerings are available.
- Age- Typically, participants are organized into ranges of 6 years-younger, 7-14 years and 15+ years.
- Skill level- The therapist and the parent can determine the right fit into a particular group.

### **Parent Testimonials**

"<My child> has achieved a refreshing confidence and a fearless daring spirit in his language skills."

"<Our teen> has not only increased his speech abilities substantially, he has made a great friend!"

### **Scheduling**

These groups are ongoing, so new clients may join in at anytime.

### **Cost**

Families may use available insurance benefits. Regular deductibles and co-pays apply. Prior Authorization, medical necessity approval and evaluations are required, as applicable by funding source. Families may also pay privately. Group services are \$54/ session.

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