



## SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

at our satellite location:  
YMCA 745 Poole Ave. • Hazlet, NJ 07730

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) exhibit significant difficulties interacting with others, especially with their peer group. Whereas typically developing children are motivated by play with others and actively seek out social situations, children with ASD usually engage in solitary play and show minimal awareness of peers. Some children with ASD may show interest in peers but do not know how to interact appropriately.

Development of appropriate play skills and social interaction all lead to development of relationships



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and language skills.

Come join us in our social skills group. Our approach to social skills is guided by the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA). An initial assessment and parent questionnaire will be used to establish social skills goals for each child. Typically, we reinforce all social skills in a group setting. When necessary, our

staff will work 1:1 with a child to establish pre-requisite social skills. Once established, the skills will be reinforced in a group setting.

### GROUP SIZE:

Children will be seen in groups of 3-6 children or in dyads, depending on their skill level.

### STAFFING TO CHILD RATIO:

For pre-requisite skills a staff ratio of 1:1. Other groups will have 2:1 staffing ratio.

### STAFF CREDENTIALS:

Our social skills team includes: board certified behavior analysts, speech and language therapists and occupational therapists.

### SCHEDULE

Services are available Monday- Friday. Please call or email for current scheduling.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)  
Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)  
Speech Therapy

*The above services are also available at our Ocean County facility, in addition to:*  
Occupational Therapy  
Sensory Integration (SI)

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*Social behaviors will include the following:*

#### • JOINT ATTENTION AND FOCUS

1. awareness of others
2. eye contact
3. responding to name
4. responding to joint attention
5. initiating joint attention

#### • PLAY SKILLS

1. imitating peers
2. turn taking
3. sharing
4. observational learning
5. joining in

#### • SOCIAL LANGUAGE

1. greeting
2. requesting desired items and information from peer
3. protesting appropriately
4. understanding & using non-verbal gestures
5. commenting
6. conversational exchanges
7. following simple rules

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