

 At Reach we believe in the potential of every child and we know that each child is unique. We work together with families to recognize each child's strengths and develop their abilities.



Reach Child and Youth Development Society holds the three-year accreditation for Community Services: Child and Youth Services, and Community Services: Respite Services. CARF (The Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities).

Reach Social Smart Group

Social Smart Group (SSG) is an intervention program for children grades 5 - 7 and grades 8 - 12 with autism needs targeting social skill and peer networking development. Our goal is to help the development of social skills through gentle guiding, coaching and by supporting peer interaction while providing an opportunity for children and parents to develop friendships within their community.

Reach recognizes the need for a child to develop and maintain friendships. We also recognize that finding opportunities to build friendships can be difficult.

Social Smart Group was created as a bridge to building these opportunities for parents and their children with autism. We pair children with other children in the same age group in their community to meet once a week. Groupings of kids in similar age ranges will be arranged. The ratio of staff to student is 1 to 4.



Each week our program will offer a variety of activities that provide valuable social learning opportunities. While making peer connections within the group, children will participate in a weekly schedule that consists of:

'Meetings and Greetings'

As children transition into the group they will be guided and coached in social areas such as salutations, small talk and conversation.

'Circle of Friends' Discussion Period

Through the use of picture symbols and other visuals, brainstorming, role-playing, and other techniques, the behavioural consultant will lead the group each week through discussions related to social and emotional development.

'Group Work'

Group projects are designed to be related to our 'Circle of Friends' discussion topics. Many of the projects we do create learning tools that can be used at home to



help support social skill concepts discussed during the Social Smart Group.

'Snack and Yak'

At snack time we'll encourage and coach children on how to engage and respond to casual conversation.

'Fun N' Games'

During our Fun N' Games period we will engage in group board games and play activities that help strengthen social skills such as turn taking, sharing, and good sportsmanship.

Dates and Locations

The dates and locations of each Social Smart Group will be arranged according to community groupings. There is a registration fee for the program. To find out the dates and to register your child, please call 604-946-6622.

If your child needs one-to-one attention, or has moderate to severe behavioural challenges such as verbal or physical aggression, this program may not be right for you. Talk to the Social Smart Group Manager.

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When your older child with autism wants to make new friends and strengthen social skills...

Help is within reach.

Believing in potential

Each year over 800 children benefit from programs and services at Reach Child and Youth Development Society. Our family-centered, individualized, and responsive approach means that families experience success and each child is given the opportunity to reach their potential.

Family Centered Our family-centered philosophy recognizes that the family is the major decision maker and constant in the child's life and as such, we believe families should be in control and informed. We believe, that the primary aim of good service planning is to enable and empower families.

Individualized We recognize and respect the diversity and uniqueness of families and children and provide individualized approaches to goal identification and service planning.

Responsive We believe that it is essential that services be flexible to meet the changing needs of children and families, and to respond to input from the community regarding those needs.

Experts in our field We have brought together professionals with expertise and knowledge in a variety of areas including Early Childhood Educators, Speech Language Pathologists, Behavioural Consultants, Supported Child Development Consultants, Occupational Therapists, Infant Development Consultants, and others with extensive experience supporting families and children.

Our vision

Communities where all children, youth and families are welcomed, included, and leading lives of well-being based on their own individual strengths, interests, and values.

Our mission

To provide timely, accessible and supportive community programs and services for the optimal development of children and youth, where children, youth and families flourish and reach their potential.



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