

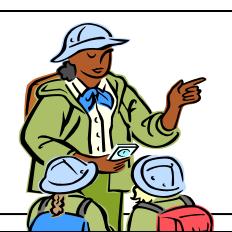
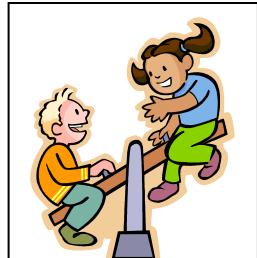
## SUMMER Social Skills Groups 2014

### Little Language Learners Group

**Ages:** 2 to 5 yrs   **Ratio:** 2:1

**Times:** Mon 9:00-11:00, Tues 3:30-5:30, Sat 10:00-12:00 and/or  
Sun 10:00-12:00

**Ability:** Designed for children with beginning language, who  
need practice requesting, turn taking and play skills.



### Commanders of Communication Group

**Ages:** 5 to 9 yrs   **Ratio:** 2:1

**Times:** Weds 4:30-6:30

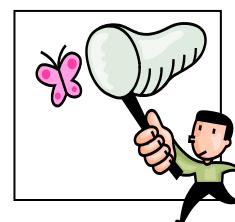
**Ability:** Designed for children who need to expand language,  
increase initiation, learn pretend play, and game playing.

### Social Butterflies Group

**Ages:** 4 to 6 yrs or 6 to 10 yrs   **Ratio:** 3:1

**Times:** Thurs 4-6:00, and/or Sat 1-3:00

**Ability:** Designed for children who need to learn to gracefully win and  
lose games, expand pretend play, compromise, and increase flexibility.



### Buddy Building Group

**Ages:** 7-12 yrs   **Ratio:** 3:1

**Times:** Every other Friday 5:00-6:30, and/or Every other  
Sun 1:30-3:30

**Ability:** Designed for children with High Functioning Autism  
or Aspergers who need help with the subtle details of being  
a friend.

### Teen Scene

**Ages:** 12 to 20 yrs   **Ratio:** 3:1

**Times:** Every other Sun 4:00-5:30

**Ability:** Designed for teens with High Functioning Autism or Aspergers  
who are learning the complexities of making and keeping friends.

Participants will explore their own personal strengths and weaknesses.  
They will work on social skills through role play, games, and projects.



## **NEW Beyond Words Music Therapy Groups!!!**

**Monday 1-3:00, Weds 9-11:00, Friday 9-11:00**

Erin Jester MT-BC and Abbey Fistek MT-BC will use music as the therapeutic stimulus to achieve non-musical treatment goals. Research supports connections between speech and singing, rhythm and motor behavior, memory for song and memory for academic material, and overall ability of preferred music to enhance mood, attention, and behavior to optimize the student's ability to learn and interact. Therefore, one of the purposes of music therapy for students with autism is to provide the individual with an initial assist using melodic and rhythmic strategies, followed by fading of musical cues to aid in generalization and transfer to other environments. Music captures and helps maintain attention. It is highly motivating and may be used as a natural "reinforcer" for desired responses.



### **More Information about Social Skills Groups**

- Groups will be limited to 4 students with Autism and a typical peer model
- Each group will be led by a consultant with a BCBA, consultant who is a BCBA or BCaBA candidate, or Special Education Teacher **and** an additional assistant (if group is full).
- If you are interested in a group but the day does not correspond with your schedule, please call Michelle to see if any changes can be made.
- Each group will learn through art, music, games, and fun activities!

**Location:** 6545 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131 (in the back of the Independence Square shopping plaza, across from the water tank)

**Dates:** Rolling Admission but groups are filling up fast!

**Cost:** \$90 for a 2 hour session, \$67.50 for an hour and a half session  
Families are not billed for cancelations made more than 4 hrs prior to the start of the group. Families are billed monthly (5% late fee added if over 30 days late).

**Register:** Contact Michelle Nameth Baskin at 216-272-3963 or [mbaskin@aba-therapy.com](mailto:mbaskin@aba-therapy.com)

**\*New students will receive a free 1 hour intake before registration.**