



## Leadership Program Life Skills & Communication

**Who:** Participants ages 13 through 20 with Autism, High Functioning Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and similar social skills deficits.

**What:** Monarch Summer Social Language Program (MSSLP) Leadership Program is a five-week ESY program designed for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (and similar social skills deficits) who are interested in developing leadership, communication, social and life skills, while performing community service projects.

Four days a week participants will engage in community service projects with neurotypically developing peers at local non-profit organizations including MedWish and Stone Gardens. In addition, they will also attend customized leadership workshops, facilitated by experts, on topics including team building, problem solving, communicating effectively, socializing, and vocational fields of interest. Throughout the week participants will alternate eating lunch at restaurants in the community, and enjoying on-site brown bag lunches. One day a week they will visit a local camp for swimming, lunch and recreational activities.

The invaluable skills and experience participants will acquire in the MSSLP Leadership Program can be generalized to all facets of their lives.

**Staff:** The MSSLP Leadership Program is directed by Karin Hess-Hopkins, M.S.S.A., Kara Smith, M.S., CF-SLP, and Laura Robbins, MA, CCC-SLP. Additional staff members and workshop facilitators are professionally trained.

**Where:** Participants will be dropped off and picked up at Monarch School (22001 Fairmount Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44118). The program will provide transportation to and from community service venues throughout the week.

**When:** Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 25. The five-week program meets five days a week, from 9am to 2pm daily.

**How:** Please visit [monarchcenterforautism.org](http://monarchcenterforautism.org) or call Monarch School at 216.320.8945 for information and a program application. Once we receive your application, we will contact you. We encourage you to submit your application early, as enrollment is limited.

**Fee:** The tuition per participant is \$3,300.