



YOUNG ADULT GROUP FALL 2017

Description: For Young Adults who have graduated High School:

- diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder or High Functioning Autism and/or ADHD,
- may also be appropriate for individuals with Social Anxiety Disorder or have difficulty being in group settings.
- designed for young adults who have generally average speech and language skills
- designed to improve social skills and increase social engagement with same-age peers
- designed to provide support for young adults who may be isolated from peers
- designed to promote self-esteem through success experiences
- designed to help improve the ability to act positively and effectively with others
- designed to have a maximum of 8-10 per group
- developed and directed by Michelle DePolo, Psy.D. BCBA-D, Pediatric Psychologist

How

The program promotes social development, social engagement, and self-esteem in two formats:

- **Center-Based-(7 groups)** provides direct and indirect instruction about targeted social behaviors, coping, problem solving and emotions through formal and informal group discussions and activities. New this season is the opportunity for group members to "host" that week's group as if they were having friends over to their home for the evening. Group members may be paired up and will receive direct instruction and practice from facilitators in preparation.
- **Community-Based-(3 groups)** provides opportunities ("incidental teaching moments") for Young Adults to practice their skills in community settings appropriate for young adults, such as bowling, restaurants, movies.
- Treatment goals are specifically tailored to meet the needs of the group. Targeted skills and topics include:

making/keeping friends
resilience from depression
two-way conversation

conversational manners
non-verbal communication
sportsmanship/losing

reducing social anxiety
problem solving
staying on topic

When and Where

- Thursday evenings at KidsLink NeuroBehavioral Center, 899 Frost Road, Streetsboro 44241
- Time: 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Fall (10 week program)
September 7 th
September 14 th
September 21 st
September 28 th
October 5 th
October 12 th
October 19 th
October 26 th
November 2 nd
November 9 th

Cost

- The program fee is \$500. A deposit of \$250 is required.
Please note: Payment is due in full by the start of group
- Per guidelines of your insurance, the program costs may be reimbursable under the CPT code 90853 (group psychological treatment). KidsLink is also an Autism Scholarship and John Peterson Scholarship provider, if this is applicable to you.

Enrollment Process

- To enroll, please contact Sue Corp at 330-963-8600 or by email at scorp@kidslinkohio.

Please reply as early as possible, as enrollment is limited.



Application-YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Date _____

YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Medical Problems (if any): _____

Medications (if any): _____

FAMILY INFORMATION: (if residing in the family home)

Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parents are: _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced;

If divorced: _____ shared parenting _____ primary custody with _____

Siblings (Names and Ages): _____

CURRENT INFORMATION

Attending college? ____ Yes ____ No Currently working? ____ Yes ____ No

Please describe current educational or vocational program:

What are the goals for participation? You may wish to develop certain skills, for example. If so, name the skills.

Please describe the best things about you:
