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kidsRELATE

A unique opportunity for children and caregivers to participate in an intensive peer supported social communication skills development program.

The group will be facilitated by an interprofessional team: Elizabeth Bell (Occupational Therapist), Heide Emrich (Speech-Language Pathologist) & Rose Freigang (Psychological Associate).

Monday afternoons 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. starting November 27, 2017

This program is run only once a year.

kidsRELATE, a new group programme for children age 6 to 9 years, who struggle with understanding their social world and developing positive relationships with peers. This group is based on the Social Thinking model developed by Ryan Hendrix, Karl Zweber, Nancy Tarshis and Michelle Garcia Winner, and will incorporate concepts and materials from their program “The Incredible Flexible You.”

This group is appropriate for children with social communication difficulties, struggles with self-regulation, or anxiety problems that interfere with their ability to relate successfully with other children. Because much of the content has a language component, participants must be able to express themselves through speech.

kidsRELATE uses a positive approach that assumes children will engage in the prosocial behaviour, if they have the knowledge and skills to do so. Through explicit teaching, engaging visuals and stories, games and dramatic activities participants will learn about the connection between thoughts and feelings, how to communicate with your body and words, and how to “read” the messages of others more accurately. The goal of the group is for participants to respond to everyday social situations with more awareness, understanding and flexibility.

kidsRELATE uses a best practice model for intervention. Current research indicates that the best generalization and maintenance of skills occurs when children learn through observations of and interactions with peers who can expand play and interactions, and help generalize skills learned in the group to community settings. *This program requires a peer to attend with the child.*

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This group will consist of an initial 2-hour session for parents/guardians to provide an orientation to the key concepts and activities of kidsRELATE, seven 90 minute sessions for children, and an individual feedback session for parents about their child's progress and next steps at the conclusion. In addition, a second parent group will be held at the halfway point in the programme.

We are excited to offer this new programme, and look forward to answering any questions you may have.



10-week program includes parent meetings and individual professional team meeting regarding the child's progress on completion of the program.

1500.00 for group program

Registration and Cancellation Policy: 50% deposit required on registration, balance due second session. Cancellations accepted one week prior to start date less administration fee of 70.00. Cancellation can be accepted with less than one week notice if the spot is filled by another registrant. Administration fee applies. Absence or illness cannot be refunded. **Extended health benefits may be applied.**

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