

Gloucester County Special Services School District

Admissions Criteria Social Skills Training Groups

Gloucester County Special Services School District is pleased to underwrite Social Skills Training Groups. The highly skilled professionals from GCSSSD will provide services for this training series.

Because of the high demand for participation and limited funding, we are asking that all ***applications be submitted by June 15, 2010***. Children residing outside of Gloucester County will be accepted based on seat availability at the deadline. All applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list and children will be admitted on a seat available basis.

Children must meet the following eligibility requirements to participate in the Series:

1. Children 4 to 16 years of age
2. Symptoms and/or diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome or High Functioning Autism
3. Communication skills needed:
 - Intelligible speech to an unfamiliar listener
 - Fluent communication skills
 - Ability to formulate and connect sentences
 - Ability to understand language (receptive skills) within normal limits
 - Motivation and interest to improve conversational and social skills within a group
 - Compliance within group activities
4. Social skills in need of improvement:
 - Eye contact, personal space and turn-taking in conversation
 - Appropriate interactions within a group and in one to one conversations
 - Joining and/or initiating a conversation within a group
 - Reacting to statements made in a conversation in an appropriate manner
 - Topic maintenance within a conversation
 - Non-verbal language use (need to improve facial expressions, affect, body language and/or tone of voice)
5. Receives educational program within the local school district
6. Consistent attendance throughout the 5 week series.
7. Completed registration submitted by June 15, 2010. Applications received after 6/15/10 will be reviewed for acceptance on a space available basis.