

2011 Asperger's Summer Social Skills Program

The Groden Network “Your Autism Experts” is proud to offer comprehensive summer social groups for children and adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome and related social challenges. The groups focus on providing participants with the social skills needed to promote positive peer interactions and friendship development.



**For more information
on the program
please contact
401-274-6310, ext. 1242**



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Checks should be made payable to **The Groden Center, Inc.** and mailed to Maggie Powers, Community Support Services, 610 Manton Avenue, Providence, RI 02909.

CHILD'S NAME

DATE OF BIRTH AGE

SCHOOL GRADE

CLASSROOM TYPE

DIAGNOSIS

PARENTS' NAMES

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

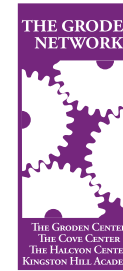
HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

CELL PHONE

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Community Support Services

Summer 2011

Social Groups for Children with
Asperger's Syndrome & Related
Social Needs



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About Our Summer Social Groups

The Community Support Services program at the Groden Center is offering comprehensive three-week (six session) summer social groups for children with Asperger's Syndrome and related social needs.

Dates and Times

Young Children (5 - 8 years):

July 12th - July 28th
Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Older Children (8 - 11 years):

August 2nd - August 18th
Tuesdays and Thursdays
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*8 year old children will be matched to most appropriate group based on screening results

Where

Sessions will be held at
The Groden Center, Inc.
Community Support Services
610 Manton Avenue
Providence, RI 02909
3rd floor (top)



Group Focus and Structure

The group will focus on teaching children with A.S. the social skills needed to promote positive and pleasurable peer interactions and friendship development.

The groups will be structured as follows:

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| First hour | Creative activities designed to teach a particular skill (e.g., reading facial expressions) |
| Second hour | Hands on activities, Role play, rehearsal, games to practice applying skills in during interactive play (indoors and outdoors) |
| Third hour | Children: Snack and play activities using natural teaching opportunities to promote use of social skills.

Parents: Meet with Dr. Pistacchio to learn new strategies, problem solve, meet and learn from other parents, etc. |

Areas addressed include: Social thinking, understanding emotions, self control, being flexible, reading social cues, peer interactions, and friendship building skills.

Group Leaders

Dr. Kelley Pistacchio is a licensed clinical psychologist and director of the Community Support Services program at the Groden Center. Ms. Petrella is a clinical social worker who specializes in Asperger's Syndrome.

Kristen Petrella is a licensed clinical social worker and clinician specializing in group therapy programs for individuals with Asperger's and related social challenges.

Phone numbers

Maggie Powers – 401-274-6310, ext. 1242
Dr. Kelley Pistacchio – ext. 1250
Kristen Petrella -- ext. 1254

Registration

To register, please send the enclosed form and the \$25 non-refundable application fee (checks only, please) to **The Groden Center**, c/o Maggie Powers, CSS Referral & Service Coordinator. We will then send you a survey to help us determine whether the group program will be able to meet your child's needs, and to appropriately match children within the groups. If your child is unfamiliar to the group leaders, an initial screening may be required. If your child is to be enrolled in the program, you will be notified by phone.

Careful consideration is given to matching children within the groups based on age, needs, and abilities.

Cost

Please note that the Groden Center does not bill insurance for this program.

If your child qualifies for ESY, contact your special education director to determine whether this program can be funded by the school district. If so, the special education director must contact Maggie Powers to establish a contractual agreement.

The cost is \$750.00 for the six session program, including the parent component. Your \$25 application fee will be applied toward the total cost. If your child requires screening, this may be covered by insurance. Limited funds will be available for families in need of financial aid. You may request an application when you call the CSS office. If your child is enrolled, a **non-refundable** deposit of \$200 will be required by July 5th for the young children's program and July 26th for the older children's program. For both groups, the second payment of \$300 will be due by the end of the first week of the program. The final payment of \$225 will be due by the end of the second week.

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About Our Summer Social Groups

The Community Support Services program at the Groden Center is offering comprehensive six-week summer social groups for **adolescents** with Asperger's Syndrome.

Dates

Weeks of July 11th – August 15th

Time

High Schoolers

Mondays: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Middle Schoolers

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where

Sessions will be held at:

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Group Focus and Structure

The group will focus on providing adolescents with Asperger's the opportunity to meet and interact with other teens with similar strengths and needs.

Participants will learn social thinking concepts and how to apply them to promote positive peer interactions and develop friendships. Tools to manage stress and anxiety will also be incorporated into group sessions.

Group Leaders

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Groups will be filled on a first come, first served basis and teens will be matched according to age and level of need.

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