

Daily Schedule

8:30	Arrival
8:40	Social Skill Lesson 1
9:00	Skill Practice Activity 1
9:50	Break
10:00	Social Skill Lesson 2
10:20	Skill Practice Game/ Activity 2 or CLAS
11:10	Break
11:20	Lunch
11:50	Social Skill Lesson 3
12:10	Skill Practice Game/ Activity 3
1:00	Break
1:10	Social Skill Lesson 4
1:30	Skill Practice Game/ Activity
2:20	Break
2:30	Review Day
2:45	Clubs



Some Topics Covered:

Accepting a Compliment
Accepting Consequences
Answering a Complaint
Apologizing
Arranging Problems by Importance
Asking for Help
Asking Permission
Avoiding Trouble
Being a good sport
Contributing to Discussions
Dealing with Another's Anger
Dealing with Being Left Out
Dealing with Contradictory Messages
Dealing with Fear
Dealing with Group Pressure
Dealing with your Anger
Deciding What Caused a Problem
Ending a Conversation
Expressing Concern for Another
Expressing your Feelings
Following Instructions
Giving a Compliment
Having a Conversation
Joining In
Knowing Your Feelings
Recognizing Another's Feelings
Responding to Failure
Sharing
Understanding Another's Feelings
Using Self Control



Community Connections

Community Connections targets development of key social competencies using direct instruction, fun and engaging practice exercises, and recreational activities in a summer camp format.



Location: Harris Hill Elementary School,
Penfield, NY
Visit our website for pricing and dates:
www.familyautismcenter.com

A Typical Day....

Each day, children participate in multiple small, group-based social skills sessions, followed by age-appropriate recreational activities designed to practice targeted social skills. Some common areas that are targeted are:



- ◆ Following directions
- ◆ Attending to and participating in group-based activities
- ◆ Requesting and accepting assistance
- ◆ Staying organized
- ◆ Completing homework
- ◆ Joining a group
- ◆ Work based social skills for older students

Weekly parent sessions provide caregivers with strategies to promote their child's social interactions and extend the gains of the program to other settings.

Staffing:

The student staff ratio is 8:3 with a Special Education Teacher running the CLAS sessions. A Behavior Specialist will be on site at all times during camp.

Program Components Include:

Center for Learning Academic Skills (CLAS) - We provide an educational environment which **focuses on critical social, emotional, and behavioral skills related to successful school functioning.** Specifically, your child will work on participating in group-based activities, adhering to class rules, following teacher directions, requesting and accepting assistance, staying organized, and staying on task. CLAS has weekly themes that are science based.

Community Connections Clubs

- "CC Clubs" will be offered for the children daily. It is designed to expand interests, encourage interaction with other campers, and equip your child with the social communication skills needed to participate successfully in the community. Club themes are games, music, arts and crafts, Minecraft and builders club.



Eligibility

Community Connections is designed for children and adolescents entering grades 1-12 (approx. ages 6-18) with social interaction difficulties. This program is open to the public.

Community Connections provides 4 weeks (approximately 150 hours) of individual and group-based social skill instruction. Direct instruction focuses on role play with immediate feedback as well as fun, therapeutic group activities that allow a child to practice skills in a social setting.

This program has been proven effective for individuals with autism and related disabilities through a series of research studies conducted with **Canisius College** and **University at Buffalo**.

In addition to group-based program, each child receives an individual daily note (IDN) which targets specific skills and/or behaviors and is tailored to meet the child's individual needs. These are evaluated weekly or more often if needed. This note is sent home each day providing daily feedback on your child's progress.



Throughout the day, **children are positively reinforced** for using appropriate social and friendship skills and are rewarded for positive behavior.