

THE SOCIAL EDGE PROGRAM

What is the Social EDGE?

Children who have difficulty socializing often need assistance in developing effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills. The children in our groups learn and practice social skills in a safe, supportive, structured environment, and in real situations with peers. We use a social thinking approach—understanding the WHY’s—social knowledge that helps social skills. Opportunities are provided that help the child make connections and apply the social skills to the social situations with reinforcement and then gradual fading from support to independence.

Elementary School Age

The first half-hour begins with a structured activity to address self-expression and group cooperation. The other half hour is playtime and looser in structure to help children initiate play, resolve conflicts and cooperate with others. Modeling, on spot feedback and positive feedback is given. The goal is social understanding, social flexibility, and learning strategies to deal with others and group cooperation.

Middle-High School Age

We help the group become more responsible for their time together. There is modeling of social behaviors and helping them interpret the social scene both verbally and visually so that they have an accurate picture of their social actions and responses to others. Modeling, on spot feedback and positive feedback is

given. Community trips provide and encourage practice and generalization of skills. The program is designed to increase friendships, self-esteem, problem solving and communication.

What Special Skills are addressed?

Conversation Skills: Eye contact, listening, taking turns, keeping on topic, appropriate topic change, starting a conversation, knowing sensitive issues, maintaining a conversation, body language.

Play Skills: Sharing, caring, compromising, knowing unspoken rules, flexibility, winning and losing skills, ability to start play and pick safe kids to play with, game skills.

Friendship Skills: understanding friendship and boundaries, safe friends, expressing sympathy, knowing when to appropriately tell on your friends, respecting private space, appropriate touching, knowing how to help and email skills confidentiality.

Feelings: Dealing with frustration, anger and even excitement, making mistakes and recognizing your own feelings and those of others, body language, voice tone, strategies to control impulses.

Manners: Understanding and using appropriate sayings and verbal and non-verbal expressions and interactions.

Who would benefit?

Children with Language Delays/Disorders
Children with Learning Disabilities
Children with Attention Deficit Disorder
Children with Special Needs

How does Social EDGE work?

In order to develop appropriate group and individual goals, our intake process consists of; completion of intake social form and questionnaire by parent, a parent interview, and a student observation at our center.

What are the costs of the Social EDGE?

Intake and Observation: no charge
Cost for 8 sessions : \$400

When does Social EDGE meet?

Our groups meet once a week for 8 weeks. Each session is one hour. The program also includes parent updates to address generalization of the skills.

Individual social coaching available by request.

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Maybette holds a B.S. from the University of Bridgeport and a M.S. from Southern Connecticut State University. She has a Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association and is a licensed speech pathologist in Connecticut and New York. She is a member of the American Academy of Private Practice and is certified by the American Board of Disability Analysts. She is also certified to administer the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment®. Maybette also is a certified special educator. She has almost 30 years of experience working with children and adults.

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Directions

From I-95

Take Exit 27A to Route 25 North to Exit 8, Merritt Parkway South. Bear right towards Route 127 (White Plains Road). At the light, turn left and bear left onto Church Hill Road at the gas station. At the end, at the intersection with Main Street, turn right and look for Total Learning and Therapy Center on your left, diagonally across from the Town Hall in Cider Mill Center.

From the Merritt Parkway

Take Exit 48, Main Street. From the parkway heading north, turn left towards Trumbull. From the parkway heading south, turn right. Just past the 4th light, Total Learning and Therapy Center is on the left just beyond the Town Hall in Cider Mill Center.

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Our Mission

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Individual Services:

- Behavioral Optometry
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Behavior Assessments & Interventions
- Educational tutoring
- Transition and Career Planning
- Therapeutic Listening Program
- Computer Training
- Psychological Services (counseling and learning profiles)
- Lee Silverman Voice Treatment
- Advocacy Services

Group Services:

- The EDGE Learning System
- Vision Therapy
- Sensorimotor/ YOGOS
- Handwriting Without Tears Curricula
- Social Skills
- Summer Learning Camp Programs



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Social Skills For Children
Ages 4 & Up

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