



Applied Behavior Analysis: Comprehensive Social Skills Instruction

Dates: Monday, June 4th – Friday June 8th 2018 (9am – 3pm)

Monday, July 30th – Friday August 3rd 2018 (9am – 3pm)

**Enrollment Deadline: June Session – April 31st 2018
 August Session – June 31st 2018**

***Parents can sign up for both weeks, or just one week.**

Firefly Autism offers an intensive 5-day week of social skills instruction embedded within a fun, group format. Firefly strives to provide a naturalistic setting for a high rate of social learning opportunities for children on the autism spectrum, or for children with social deficits. Social learning opportunities will be embedded within activities encompassing creative and cooperative projects, outdoor/indoor activities, social emotional awareness activities, and technology driven activities.

Firefly's Social Skills Instruction is developed to meet the social and emotional needs of a wide variety of skill levels. Utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, highly trained staff help participants to effectively express feelings, communicate with others, and develop and maintain friendships in a positive, comfortable environment. A wide range of objectives are covered each day of session, including Body Language Skills, Play Skills, Conversational Skills, and Perspective-Taking & Theory of Mind Skills. Firefly is dedicated to helping participants have fun while gaining confidence in their abilities to interact with peers and make friends within the instruction, as well as outside of the Firefly setting. Data are collected for each child per day for all targeted objectives in order to determine whether progress is being made or if remediation on any particular skill or teaching methodology is necessary.

Intake Process & Placement

During our intake process, Firefly collaborates with parents/guardians and the child (if applicable) to formulate goals focusing on the child's social skill deficits. After the initial consultation and intake, parents/guardians will receive a list of group objectives that will be targeted and any additional recommended individual objectives. For clients already receiving services through Firefly, a modified intake process may occur.

Firefly strives to ensure optimal progress and outcomes for children enrolled in our ABA Social Skills Instruction. Therefore, best attempts are made based on intake information to place children into groupings with other students who need to focus on similar objectives, as well as those who have similar repertoires, functioning levels, and compatible interests in order to additionally foster potential friendships. Children who are placed in Instruction also need to be able to function in a small group setting (at least a 1:3 teacher to student ratio).

If there is no appropriate placement for a child who has gone through the intake process, he or she will be notified when an appropriate placement becomes available and other possible treatment options will be discussed (such as ongoing social skills groups, 1:1 social skills instruction, or facilitated play-dates).



Once a child is successfully placed into a group, up to 10 objectives common to all participants will be targeted throughout the duration of the intensive 5-day week session.

Schedule & Expectations

Instruction will occur on a daily basis for 5 consecutive days from 9a.m. to 3:00p.m. at Firefly Autism located at 2695 S. Jersey St., Denver, CO 80222. Instructional sessions will consist of approximately 3-5 children with 2 staff members, and participants are expected to attend for the whole 5-day week, unless other arrangements are approved by the Social Skills Coordinator prior to the start of the instruction session.

Pricing:

Service	Cost
<p>Intake process and initial consult at Firefly Autism (if applicable) Parent/guardian interview, child interview and/or direct assessment/observation of social skills, phone follow-up with parent/guardian, and recommended objectives</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>1 week of comprehensive social skill instruction: 30 hours of direct small group session (includes parent report at end of each session). Additional services outside of direct group instruction includes a progress report/summary to be completed within 2 weeks of the end of camp.</p>	<p>\$1,620</p>

Funding Sources Accepted:

Medicaid: Parents need to allow sufficient time for Firefly to obtain approval for services. All required documents must be sent to Firefly **at least one month prior to start of group**. Late submission or failure to submit requested documentation will result in no coverage for services.

Insurance: Firefly accepts a number of insurance plans. Your insurance plan must cover ABA (applied behavior analysis) so please confirm *before* contacting us. Once ABA coverage is confirmed by you, please contact akelly@fireflyautism.org or amoffett@fireflyautism.org to inquire if your plan will cover the Social Skills Instruction.

- If you are using insurance, your usual co-pay will apply per instruction day.
- *In the event that Firefly receives a denial upon billing insurance for services rendered, parents are responsible for the cost of the instruction*.

For any other information about the comprehensive social skills instruction, please direct questions to our social skills group manager Kristina Mosley at kmosley@fireflyautism.org