

Referral/Application

Students, ages 14-22, with developmental disabilities are welcome to attend Variety's Socialization Club Program. Students should be able to participate in program activities at the 1:3 staffing ratio.

For more information on the Socialization Program, please contact Jean Merkl, Program Director, at ext.201 or Hannah Berstein, Program Coordinator, at ext.232. 610-584-4366



Program will not run without a minimum of 10 students. Tell your friends!

Transportation

If your child has transportation in his/her IEP, the School District may provide transportation. Please contact your school district.

Variety Staff

Variety administrative staff includes a Program Director and Socialization Program Coordinator. We have Program staff at a 1:3 staff to child ratio. All staff are trained by Variety in disabilities/special needs, and positive behavioral support. Student interns and volunteers may also be involved with the program.

Calendar

Program starts on Monday, 9/12/16 and runs every Monday & Wednesday. Hours - 3-6 pm

New This Year:

Saturday Socialization this year starting Saturday, September 24, 2016
9am - 3pm (see other brochure for more)



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Socialization Club



A fun club for students ages 14-22 years to enhance social and life skills!

***Monday and Wednesday
Afternoons
2016-2017***

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Overview

The Socialization Program is designed to teach children ages 14-22 various social and life skills. In using games, worksheets & readings, group activities, and scenario role playing, students learn appropriateness as well as skills to use in specific every day situations.

Program Activities

The Variety Socialization Program uses the Program for Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS) as a guideline for curriculum development as well as course material designed specifically for our students.

At the start of each month, students work together to complete a "Month Topic" Board. From this board, they practice talking about current events, holidays, and seasonal topics throughout that month.

Each week, a different pre-selected theme will be the focus of learning and development.

Student Objectives

- ◇ To develop social behaviors - both at home and in public environments
- ◇ To explore new age appropriate conversation topics of interest for discussion
- ◇ To learn social skills appropriate to specific situations
- ◇ To explore social interactions in a group environment

Curriculum Areas

Introduction Basics, Team Work, Verbal Skills, Body Language, Eye Contact, Emotional Reaction, Appropriate Behavior and Response, Tone of Voice, Sportsmanship, Responsibility, Bullying, Manners, Appropriateness with Opposite Gender, and More.

Program Mission

To provide a safe and secure environment for students with disabilities to learn and build social connections while engaging in tasks to practice conversation.

Fees

The fee covers staffing and materials. A high student to staff ratio is maintained for program success and high student participation.

The fees are:

- \$25/day for the two-day socialization program. (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- \$30/day for one day/week.

Fees must be paid in full once a month prior to starting the program regardless of attendance.



You must give us 2 weeks notice if you are changing your student's schedule.

Preference in acceptance will be given to students attending both days. One day/week will be accepted dependent on staff availability. This program runs in conjunction with our Vocational club program on Tuesdays and Thursdays.