

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 every day specific situations.

Program Activities

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 topics throughout that month.

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

This year, we will be adding a Saturday Social Event- 1 Saturday Every Month! Please see the separate brochure for that activity.

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.

We encourage:

- An Atmosphere of warm acceptance and guidance.
- Active Participation as able.
- Learning to make choices. This is the first step in independence.
- Respect for ourselves and each other.
- Development of leadership and mentoring abilities.
- Learning from each other.

Fees

The fee we charge covers staffing and materials. We maintain a high student to staff ratio for program success and high participation of your student.

The fees are:

-\$35/day for the two-day socialization program. (Mondays and Wednesdays)

-\$45/day for one day/week.

Fees must be paid in full once a month prior to starting for 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.

Referral/Application Process

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, 610-584-4366 x 201 for application process.



Calendar

Program starts on Wednesday, 9/5/19 and runs every Monday & Wednesday. Hours- 3-6 pm

This program runs in conjunction with the Saturday Socials program. Saturday Socials start Saturday, September 29th. 9-3

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

Transportation

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

Variety Staff

Variety administrative staff includes a Program Director and Program Staff. We have Program staff at a 3:1 child to staff 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.



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Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center Socialization Club

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



*Monday & Wednesday
Afternoons
2018 - 2019*

