

Positive *Steps for Kids*

*Teaching social skills to
children and adolescents
with special needs*



This program is for children and adolescents with autism and other special needs who have difficulty understanding social cues and developing friendships. The goal is to teach kids the social skills they need to make new friends and have successful community experiences.

The program offers social groups designed to meet the different needs of children and adolescents who range in age from 5 to 15.

Sessions are held once a week at our Randolph campus and include structured lessons, social games, video modeling, role playing, and parent training.

We use an applied behavior analysis (ABA) approach to teach social skills. Hundreds of studies have shown that ABA is the most effective method to help individuals with special needs improve all skills, including social skills.

Our social groups focus on:

- reciprocal conversation
- expressing feelings
- empathy
- friendship skills
- greetings
- self regulation
- pragmatics of language
- cooperative play skills

Groups run for six weeks and meet for one hour per week. Please call for start dates and times.

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The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Clinic is a program of the National Autism Center and May Institute. The ASD Clinic provides diagnostic evaluations and therapeutic treatment services to children and adolescents with ASD and their families. Our experienced clinicians offer services that include standardized assessments, behavioral treatment, social skills development, and parent support.

