

ACT UP!

A Drama/Social Skills Group for Children with Special Needs

A SPEECH PATHways Production for Summer 2010

SPEECH PATHways is proud to present ACT UP! — a drama and social skills program for Summer 2010. The program is specifically designed for children with language and learning disabilities.

- Three themed workshops for drama/social skills (attend one or all three!)
- Classes taught by a Drama Instructor & Speech-Language Pathologist
- Classes will meet in Carroll County (Westminster)
- Ages 7 and up
- Ideal for children with social-pragmatic deficits



STARRING...
A Cast of New Friends!

Who Would Benefit from ACT UP?

- ACT UP! best serves children struggling with the social deficits associated with High-Functioning Autism (HFA), Asperger's Disorder (AS), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Learning Disabilities(LD)—including Nonverbal Learning Disabilities (NLD)—and other Developmental Disorders.
- Participants must have some verbal skills (limited skills are acceptable).
- This program is not appropriate for children with aggressive behaviors.

What Drama Can Foster

- Self-confidence & self-discipline
- Increased awareness of self (mind, body & voice) and others (collaboration & empathy)
- Communication skills (enhances verbal & non-verbal expression, voice projection, articulation, fluency, language and persuasive speech)
- Imagination (creative choices, interpretation, cognitive “thinking” skills)
- Creativity (there is no right or wrong answer in creative expression)
- Develop respect for others’ choices & interpretations
- There is no winner or loser in drama: Everyone is an equal player!
- Cooperation/collaboration (everyone helps each other to succeed as individuals and as a group)
- Trust (facilitates positive risk-taking by developing trust in self, others and the process)
- Social awareness, social interaction & social skills
- Cognitive skills/problem solving (concentration, attention, quick-thinking solutions, memory)
- Fun (play, humor, laughter, reduce stress)
- Physical fitness (movement improved flexibility, coordination, balance & coordination)



Location & Registration

Groups meet at KIDZ PATHways Office (Suite 306) of the SPEECH PATHways Clinic, Westminster Professional Center, 532 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, Maryland.

Groups for Summer 2010 are forming now! Three workshops of different themes are scheduled for Saturdays, 10am - 11:30 am: July 10, July 24 and August 7. Cost is \$75 per workshop or \$225 for all 3. For more information or to register, contact SPEECH PATHways at 410.374.0555 or visit www.speechpathways.net.