

ACT UP!

A Drama/Social Skills Group for Children with Special Needs

A SPEECH PATHways Production for Summer 2011

SPEECH PATHways is proud to present ACT UP! — a drama and social skills program for Summer 2011. 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
- 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 the new SPEECH PATHways Clinic in the Shoppes at Meadow Creek, 410 Meadow Creek, Suite #206, Westminster 21158.

Groups for Summer 2011 are forming now! Three workshops of different themes are scheduled for Fridays, 10am - 11:30 am: June 24th, July 22nd and August 19th. 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.