

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Social Success! (Small Group Therapy)

Service Intro

Exposure to small group activities is an essential part of learning and generalizing skills. As an addition / extension of our 1-1 service called “*My Success!*”, families may opt to participate in weekly **Social Success!** groups. **Social Success!** offers young students in preschool and kindergarten the chance to meet with their peers to develop specific skills. Children learn together through structured yet natural opportunities to turn take, share, and practice communication through pretend play, crafts and structured games. Classes currently available include:

- Supported Play Group
- Finding Your Voice Through Song

Social Success! is a parent participation group that invites active parent involvement in the social play. We provide the space and gentle instruction to make it easy for parents to learn how to support their child’s growth. This group also provides social and networking time for parents each session.

Our clients are...

- Preschool students age 3, 4, and 5, grouped together by community and ability.
- Able to work within a 3:1 ratio of client to staff. Individuals requiring more support may be included with their own 1-1 support.
- Many individuals participating in **Social Success!** have a diagnosis of ASD; however all others are welcome to join!
- This program is especially helpful to children with FASD, Down Syndrome, or other Diverse Abilities.

Pivot Point’s Approach

While our groups have structure and a skilled facilitator, they are more social and dynamic than our 1-1 programming in *My Success!* This allows for natural contingencies (children learning from each other) to begin to shape behaviour.

The purpose of our **Supported Play Group** is to teach children to adjust their behaviour based on the feedback of their peers; or through imitation / modeling of others. These two pivotal behaviours are critical to success in the classroom for young students.

The purpose of our **Finding Your Voice Through Song Group** is to give children a safe environment where it is fun and easy to experiment with making sounds... these are the building blocks of learning to speak, and eventually communicate with others. Parents watch, participate and quickly learn how to encourage and gently shape the language that emerges!



A typical session

Social Success! sessions usually take place at one of our local clinics; however, your family could choose to host the group to better simulate a “play date” as part of your child’s goals.

- At the start of the session, parents and children are provided with an outline of the activities,
- Free-play and structured activities, such as turn taking games, are alternated within the session,
- We incorporate materials that are age appropriate and of interest to the specific children participating in the group,
- The class is set up in a circle time format, with parents sitting or kneeling close to their child,
- There is 30 minutes at the end of the session for snacks for the children and coffee for the adults... both are an important part of the group learning!

Finding Your Voice Through Song is led by one of our talented Interventionists. Songs are selected based on the verbal operant of the week; thus if imitation skills are being targeted; parents could expect to do some “Hokey Pokey” or “Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes” types of songs!

Songs change week to week; all song sheets and props are provided.

How to get started

1) If you are already a client family receiving 1-1 Early Intervention Services (called “*My Success!*”) and you believe your child would benefit from group learning, contact your Program Assistant to ask about adding **Social Success!**

2) If you are not yet a client, the best way to start is to complete our online form at www.pivotpoint.ca/request-a-meeting. This is a confidential way to share your contact information, so that our Regional Manager in your community can connect with you within 24 to 48 hours. We will work with you to schedule a time to meet for a free no-obligation information session; a 1-hour meeting that lets you explore the suitability of our services in more detail.

- Please note that **Social Success!** requires the child to be receiving 1-1 “*My Success!*” services through Pivot Point so that all 1-1 programming can be properly integrated into the therapeutic group.
- Please see our service description PDF called “*My Success!*” for more information.



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