

GROUPWORKS WEST INC.

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS

PROGRAM DESIGN: TWO SESSIONS 6 PER WEEK (TWO HOURS PER SESSION) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 WEEKS. WE OFFER MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

RATIONALE: THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE COMPLEX NEEDS OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 5 YEARS OLD WHO ARE CHALLENGED BY AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

THE COMBINATION OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION AND SELF-REGULATORY DISORDERS IN CHILDREN CREATE EXTRAORDINARY DEMANDS ON PARENTS, DEMANDS THAT ALL TOO OFTEN PRODUCE A SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS AND FRUSTRATION. THE REASON PARENTS FEEL INEFFECTIVE IS THAT MOST TRADITIONAL BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES AND ESTABLISHED PARENTING PRACTICES SERVE TO AGGRAVATE THE UNDERLYING DEFICITS OF THESE CHILDREN.

THIS PROGRAM IS PARENT FOCUSED. THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE WAY TO PROMOTE LASTING CHANGE IN CHILDREN IS TO IMPROVE THE SKILLS OF THEIR PARENTS. THUS, OUR PROGRAM HAS SELECTED THE TYPE OF PARENTING SKILLS THAT HAVE A PROVEN TRACK RECORD FOR MAXIMIZING GROWTH IN CHILDREN'S SOCIAL AND SELF-REGULATORY SYSTEMS. EARLY INTERVENTION OFFERS PARENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE DEVELOPMENTAL TRAJECTORY OF THESE CHILDREN.

THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO TEACH PARENTS HOW TO EXPAND THEIR CHILD'S CAPACITY FOR MEANINGFUL SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPROVE THEIR CAPACITY FOR SELF REGULATION. PARENTS WILL LEARN PROVEN TECHNIQUES FOR DEVELOPING MEANINGFUL INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AS WELL AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING SELF REGULATION. THE COMBINATION OF RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND SELF REGULATORY TRAINING WILL PROVIDE PARENTS WITH A REMARKABLY POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO CREATING CHANGE IN THE CORE DEFICITS OF SOCIAL AND SELF-REGULATORY DISORDERS -- AN APPROACH THAT PARENTS CAN RELY ON THROUGHOUT THE CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT.

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***PROVIDING PARENTS WITH THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE***