

After School Skills Development Program Summer 2021



The After School Skills Development Program (ASSDP) for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families, will offer an online-accessible model for summer 2020-21.

Programs will include student groups, parent and caregiver training opportunities, family-friendly activity kits, and an ongoing Virtual Learning Environment (vLE), to offer reliable resources and convenient tasks and activities.

All student participants must have a confirmed diagnosis of ASD on file with their school.



Builder's Club

Activity-based social group that allows students to rehearse social skills while enjoying natural environment play and learning. Activities will include some STEAM-based tasks, as well as pre-planned block building opportunities and some unstructured time to create their own ideas and share with peers.

Live sessions are offered using Teams and are 30 minutes each, scheduled on Wednesdays at 9 a.m., beginning on July 7 until August 11.

Registration will include one builder's brick box full of all materials needed to complete each session.



Sensory Exploration Group

Hands-on activity group that provides a series of sensory-based activities to support the discovery of preferred, non-preferred, alerting or calming tactile tasks. Facilitators will support rehearsal of natural conversation and focus on building social skills, fine-motor skills, and coordination.

Live sessions are offered using Teams and are 30 minutes. Groups are scheduled every Wednesday, at 10 a.m., from July 7 until August 11.

All participants will receive materials and visual task lists required for each session.



For more information or to register email:

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Social Snapshot Group

Summer Social Snapshot Group will be an opportunity for students to participate in a casual social peers group with an additional photo showcase. Participants will receive specific dates and themes prior to each session and have an opportunity to use cameras, cell phones, or tablets to capture their best snapshot to share with peers. Themes may include pets, aspects of nature, silly outfits, crazy forts, and creative snacks. Many areas of social skills may be improved and focused on, while showcasing their unique photos to individualized and reinforcing topics.

All participants that submit photos will receive a small photo book at the end of the summer displaying their own printed photo creations.

Groups are scheduled for 4 sessions on July 13, 27, August 10, and 24, 2021. Sessions are 45 minutes in length and will begin at 9:30 a.m., offered online through Microsoft Teams.



Summer Fun Kits

Kits are perfect for a summer afternoon project, and can be ordered for doorstep delivery. A variety of four kits will be offered and quantity will be subject to availability of materials.

Kits that will be available, beginning July 5, will include a do it yourself or pre-made bird house, a small blank canvas with paints, customizable plant box or pot with seeds, and an outdoor activity box.

Summer kits can be a great way to work on fine motor skills, turn taking, and rehearse conversation skills while enjoying time as a family. Kits will be available to order during July and August.

Families can order online using the vLE and materials will be dropped off at their home location by a member of the team.



Parent/Caregiver Training

Various training opportunities will be available for access during the summer months. External providers offering training include:

Autism Ontario will publish available workshops for parents and caregivers of those with ASD. A link will be provided on the vLE to stay up to date with general events offered in Grey Bruce.

Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI) offers on-going workshops. A link will be provided on the vLE to stay up to date with general events. CPRI will facilitate a live workshop, The Language and Social Communication of ASD, presented by the Interdisciplinary Autism Service Team. Dates and times will be confirmed.

Geneva Centre for Autism offers on-going workshops through the summer. The link will be provided on the vLE to stay up to date.

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