

Wonder Kids may not be appropriate if any of the following criteria apply

- If the Axis I diagnosis no longer includes an autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- If the Axis I ASD diagnosis includes by history, in remission, rule out, provisional, or other statement that indicates ASD is not in a current or active state
- If an enrolled client does not attend WK for a period of 30 consecutive days
- If a client is prescribed a more restrictive level of care (e.g., TSS, RTF, Family Based Mental Health, etc.)
- If the data for enrolled client confirms mastery of all targeted skills and needs no further treatment that would necessitate a peer group/social setting



Wesley Spectrum is accredited through the Council on Accreditation

Mission

Our mission is to provide transformational support for children and families as they strive to become more independent, responsible and caring members of the community.

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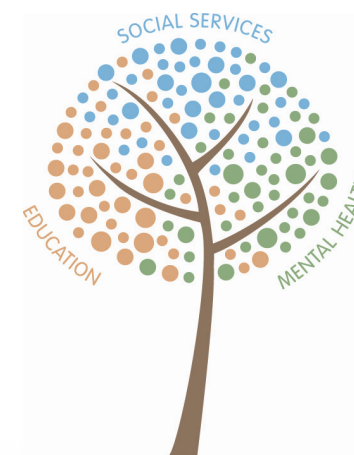
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Providing high quality autism services

WONDER KIDS

Therapeutic Social Skills Groups

Prescriber Reference Guide



Strength to live, to learn, to love

Purpose

Wesley Spectrum Wonder Kids (WK) provides therapeutic and social relationship interventions for clients who have an autism spectrum disorder. These on-site social skills groups run with a maximum of 12 clients and are overseen by a clinical supervisor, as well as a licensed Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Clients are given the opportunity to develop and practice social skills. WK is designed to run as a stand-alone or step-down program from traditional 1:1 Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS/wraparound) or other intense behavioral health service. Given that WK is a less restrictive service, it may be used as a stand alone service, in conjunction with a decreasing level of BHRS, or as an appropriate recommendation in a discharge plan. WK provides services using a 3:1 child to staff ratio. The overall goal of WK is to increase independence and age appropriate social skills.

Wesley Spectrum bases treatment on the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA) because we value quality service and evidence-based practices. Our staff utilize data based decision making, and positive, proactive strategies in treatment. Wesley Spectrum is committed to continuous improvement in the services we provide, and we strive to make therapy enjoyable for every child and learner. We hold ourselves accountable for treatment outcomes, and we support our clients in becoming more independent, responsible, and caring members of their community.

Admission Criteria

- A current autism spectrum disorder
- Child is between the ages of 2 and 21 (typically Wonder Kids is comprised of kids between elementary and high school ages)
- Child must have active Medical Assistance
- Best practice (BP) psychological or psychiatric evaluation that meets MA guidelines outlined in Appendix T and MA Bulletin requirements for prescribers
- Prescription for therapeutic social skills group within BP evaluation
- Number of hours recommended must be specified in the evaluation and cannot exceed 15 hours per week (each group is 3 hours in duration)

A prescription for a social skills group does not guarantee entry into Wonder Kids. It is the right and responsibility of WSS staff to screen and assess the client upon the completion of a BP evaluation to determine appropriateness for the program. Before a child will be admitted into WK, the entire treatment team, including the funder, must be in agreement that services are medically necessary.

Guidelines for Determining Appropriateness for Wonder Kids

- Child demonstrates ability to communicate wants and needs at a level that the child will meaningfully benefit from social interaction with others
- Minimal to no aggressive behaviors
- Minimal to no self-injurious behaviors
- Moderate toileting skills (i.e. must not require more than 2 bathroom breaks in a 3 hour time period)
- Not exhibiting routine self-stimulatory behaviors that prevent the child from engaging in his/her environment

Your Responsibility as a Prescriber

Ensure that WK is the most appropriate treatment for your client and that he/she has an appropriate level of communication skills to convey wants and needs in a peer group social setting.

Collaborate with the treatment team on the development of treatment plans through the ISPT process and/or providing recommendations through the client evaluations.

Recognize that clients who are prescribed a more restrictive level of care (e.g. high TSS hours, RTF or FBMH) may not be eligible for WK, unless WK is a part of the current service discharge plan.

Consider the appropriate amount of social skills to be recommended. Clients can be prescribed up to 15 hours of social skills per week.