

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 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.

Determining appropriateness

- Child has a current autism spectrum diagnosis (primary on Axis 1)
- Child is between the ages of 2 and 21 (elementary through high school ages are typically the age ranges of most Wonder Kids participants)
- Child has Medical Assistance (MA)
- Child has a current, best practice (BP) psychological or psychiatric evaluation (not accepted: school or IU evaluation, speech or occupational therapy evaluation, outpatient therapist reports, or discharge plans)
- Child is recommended in BP evaluation to participate in social skills specific treatment (up to 15 hours / week)
- Child has minimal to no physical aggression
- Child has minimal to no self-injurious behaviors
- Child has moderate toileting skills (i.e. does not require more than 2 bathroom breaks within a 3 hour time period)
- Child demonstrates ability to communicate wants and needs at a level that the child will meaningfully benefit from social interaction with others
- Child is not exhibiting any repetitive behaviors that prevent him/her from participating in group activities
- Child is able to consistently attend WK, has reliable transportation, and can be dropped off/picked up on time

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What does a group look like?

- 3:1 child to therapist ratio
- Sessions are between 2 and 3 hours long
- Groups are based on the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA)
- The use of incidental and naturalistic teaching methods are employed
- Wonder Kids may incorporate sensory, gross-motor, music, and art activities into sessions

Therapeutic specialists facilitate the groups, providing intense oversight of each child

What to expect...

- An individualized treatment plan developed by your child's clinical treatment team (includes family and other service providers)
- Your child's treatment team will meet quarterly to review and assess progress to make appropriate updates to the treatment plan (a new BP eval is required to do so)
- Progress notes with activity schedules and data will be provided to parents at the end of each session
- Parents and clients have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with WK staff to discuss ongoing treatment
- WK staff will collaborate with other professionals who provide treatment related to your child's development
- Parents have the opportunity to observe their child in a WK group on a quarterly basis
- WK staff facilitate parent groups on a monthly basis for supportive and educational purposes

Wonder Kids focuses on:

- Socializing
- Generalizing skills
- Building friendships with others
- Perceiving and understanding emotions
- Understanding intentions, motives, and perceptions of others
- Transitioning
- Maintaining attention and concentration
- Flexibility and response to change
- Following multistep directions
- Resolving conflict appropriately
- Personal space/other appropriate social boundaries
- Safety issues



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Wonder Kids allows a sibling or buddy to attend a session once a month!