

The WMLC Way...

West Metro Learning Connections' curricula teach about the "hidden social agenda," but do you know the "hidden" potential of participation in WMLC's social skills groups? Read on to learn about the benefits included with enrollment at WMLC:

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At an **Intake Conference** parents will meet with our Intake Specialist to discuss and share information to precisely place their child in a social skills class based on age, strengths and needs.

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Parents and caregivers may attend a **Parent Orientation Meeting** to learn what social skills classes are like for their child and how they can provide continuity at home as well as an opportunity to learn about accessing all of WMLC's other supports

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At WMLC we create a **Client Summary Sheet** which includes personal goals for staff to know about a child while at WMLC in addition to goals being worked on by their group. We do this based on reviewing enrollment forms, IEP's, school and medical evaluations and any other documents provided by the family.

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With consent, WMLC's Intake Specialist will schedule a **School Visit** at the child's school, to address areas of need when participating in a social skills group.

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Upon request, WMLC's Director of Social Skills Programming will attend a client's annual **IEP Meeting**.

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Prior to the first day of class you will be provided with a beginning of term **Welcome Packet** which includes a **Social Agenda** to pre-teach and reduce anxiety.

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Social Skills Programming for middle and high school clients incorporate **Therapeutic Recreation Outings** carefully planned by our Director of Therapeutic Recreation. Preschool and Elementary level classes include Guided Play and Choice Time. These meticulously planned activities provide clients the opportunity to generalize social skills across settings.

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Quintessential, **Highly Skilled Staff** provide **Direct Instruction** for social understanding in classes at all levels.

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We achieve an exceptional **Client to Staff Ratio of 3:1**.

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We know the importance of **Continuing Education** for staff and deliver on-going staff training.

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As a part of the West Metro Way, teaching staff prepare client-specific **Feedback Sheets** given to parents after each class. At WMLC this includes a lesson summary, lesson objectives, and **Skills to Practice** at home. Feedback sheets also provide comments reflecting your child's daily participation. Teachers are available after class to discuss daily feedback.

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Parents and caregivers may attend and gain knowledge from our **Strategy Central** trainings. These are offered each term and are tailored to current ASD-related topics.

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Upon completion of each term, your child's teacher will prepare a **Progress Review** specific to your child.

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We look forward to sitting down with parents for **Conferences** at the completion of each term where we go through the Progress Review.

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As follow-up, we always provide **Recommendations** for the upcoming WMLC term.

