



PlayGreat

Connections SLP



WHO

PlayGreat was created especially for families with children in grades 2-6 who are ready to explore ideas about making and keeping friends.

WHAT

We know that the process of finding the right friendships can be stressful for children in this age group and for their parents. Our unique program ensures that both kids and parents learn tools to boost confidence and happiness when navigating social situations.

This program empowers parents to learn how to coach their children in natural social situations so that they can build friendships with other kids in their own social circles. We help parents focus on one friendship goal at a time and learn specific strategies to help their child to move toward that goal.

Children registered in this group do not see each other, but rather parents of kids with similar social goals come together to learn as a group. Children are also seen by the SLP for one-on-one coaching sessions with their parents.

We focus on providing parents with a strong understanding of the skills needed to form meaningful two-way friendships and coaching families to support their children in fun, everyday interactions with peers.



**Focused on
Friendship?**
We can
help.

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Parents will:

- learn to use their child's current strengths and interests to help them make and keep friends.
- consider how to help their child find friends.
- develop deeper understanding of how their child's self-regulation, executive functioning, interests and conversation style impact friendships.
- choose one friendship goal to focus on during the program.
- help their child develop awareness of friendship skills through social coaching conversations.
- learn how to offer their children just the right level of friendship coaching before, during and after playdates/hangouts.



STRUCTURE

This program includes 8 evening group sessions for parents (2 hours each). It also includes 5 individual sessions for each parent and child pair (1 hour each). All sessions are led by registered speech-language pathologists and may be covered by extended health care plans. Families may also choose to use OAP funding for this program.

- Group and individual sessions are billed on the day that they occur.
- Consultation with your child's teacher/school can be requested and will be billed at our individual hourly rate.

About the individual sessions:

- Virtual live sessions with each family focus on supporting each parent and child before, during and after playdates/hangouts with other kids.
- If a child does not yet have someone to hang out with, our SLPs work flexibly with the family to help parents build foundational friendship skills and/or to figure out how to find other kids who share their children's interests.

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