



## Some tips for parents

- ◆ Enroll in Group Therapy that facilitates social interaction skills
- ◆ Set up play dates with peers from school, neighborhood and family/acquaintances
- ◆ Engage the child in extra curricular group activities
- ◆ Coordinate with school teacher to support your child within classroom situations



To enroll your child for group therapy

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## GROUP THERAPY



## Social communication skills

Social communication refers to the ways in which a person interacts with others within social situations.

### Social Communication Disorder (SCD)

Social communication disorder is characterized by difficulties present primarily with social interaction and with the use of language for social purposes.

#### Red flags

Children with SCD have trouble in-

- ◆ taking turns in the conversation
- ◆ narrating events and stories
- ◆ peer mingling
- ◆ asking questions

These skills begin to develop very early during interactions with family members in everyday activities. They continue to develop throughout childhood.

**Assessment** - Speech Language Pathologist will determine if your child has SCD using a formal tool and observation of your child over a few sessions.

**Therapy** - Group Therapy is one of the effective treatment options for SCD.

It includes use of social communication skills in various situations with conversation partners through small and large group activities



#### Focus of the group therapy programs are:

- ◆ Promoting peer interaction and play skills
- ◆ Facilitating turn taking/waiting
- ◆ Enhancing narration and conversational skills
- ◆ Developing an understanding and awareness about social rules

## Group therapy protocol

Assessment of social communication skills using pragmatic checklists



Identification of children with social communication deficits



Grouping the children based on age and performance



Group size: 6 –8 kids per group



Clinician: children ratio - 1: 4



Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



Individualized feedback about child's performance will be provided

