

PlayRx Play Date

August 2024 - Social Communication

Staff Spotlight

This month's staff spotlight is Suzanne Schwander, MS, CF-SLP. This month she is going to share tips and tricks for social communication. She has always had a passion for pediatrics and found a love for giving children with language and speech impairments a voice. She believes everyone deserves an outlet to communicate wants and needs as communication is the outlet for building relationships and fulfilling people's day-to-day lives. As a recent graduate, she is interested in gaining more knowledge and experience with Childhood Apraxia of Speech and swallowing disorders.



Social Communication

Social communication allows individuals to interact with others within the societal framework and includes pragmatic language, language processing, social interaction, and social cognition.

Social communication skills:

- emotional regulation and understanding others' emotions
- joint cooperative play
- conflict resolution
- executive functioning (organization, planning, problem-solving self-monitoring, attention, etc.),
- verbal communication (requesting, commenting, responses, etc.)
- being able to understand language (receptive language)
- understanding nonverbal communication such as body language, facial expressions, and gestures.

We learn unwritten rules of social communication from our families, friends, and community. Although there is no right or wrong way to communicate, understanding social communication rules makes communication easier.

Developmental Tips

Play at home



Games to work on social communication at home:

Playing with your child is an excellent way to work on social communication. Scan the QR code for fun games and explanations to help your child build their social communication skills. Some examples of games are Simon Says, emotional charades, and pretend play.

Teen Time

When?- Tuesday- Friday 4:00-5:00 Starting August 20

What? - Stop by the library after school and have book chats, create crafts, play games, and nerd out.

Where?- Sanders Library
10200 Johnson Dr
Sherwood, AR 72120

Play in the
Community

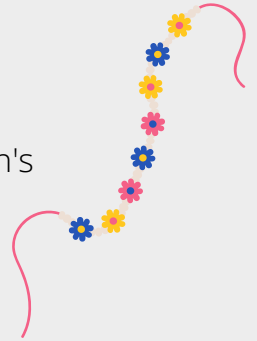
Community Events

Kids Club: End of Summer Bracelets at Michaels

When?- Saturday August 24, 2024 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

What? - Create End of Summer Friendship Bracelets, at this month's free Kids Club. Perfect for back to school!

Where?- 4126 McCain Blvd North Little Rock AR 72117



Anniversaries:

Gracen Miller- 3 years at Play Rx

Hannah Nelson- 1 year at Play Rx

Birthdays:

August 2: Addie Davari- Rainbolt

August 13: Brenna Kelley

August 17: Hannah Castle

August 27: Hannah Nelson

Help Us
Celebrate!

This month we are saying goodbye to our wonderful coworker, Grace Womack as she embarks on her journey of motherhood to take care of her new baby Barry. We'll miss you!

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