



Autism Support Group, Inc.

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SKIP

Spectrum Kommunity Inclusion Project

Autism training, support and resources for local businesses, recreational groups, camps, theaters, churches and schools in our community



WHAT IS SKIP?

Spectrum's Kommunity Inclusion Project (SKIP), is a program that provides training and support to typical community camps, local businesses, child care facilities, schools, theatres and churches so that children with autism can be included and able to learn crucial social, communication and play skills in a peer environment.

Our goal is to help children with autism experience a sense of belonging, support and acceptance in their communities. Additionally, typical children will learn to work with, play with, respect and value each other, regardless of varying skills and abilities.

Spectrum Autism Support Group has been in existence since 1998 and our SKIP program was developed in 2004. To date we have trained over 50 camps, churches and local businesses.

We believe a community is made stronger when individuals with differences are recognized and valued for their own unique talents and strengths.

HOW DOES SKIP WORK?

- Each training session is tailored to the needs of your individual program.
- Training can be incorporated along with your volunteer or staff training.
- On-site consultation is available during your camp week or ministry event
- Cost is free for a 2 hour session and includes 2 hours of follow-up consult time (additional training is offered at \$30/hour)

In addition to in-person training sessions, we also offer FREE webinars on our website for viewing by your organization. Current topics include:

- A Start Up Guide to Help Churches Welcome Families of Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs
- Becoming a Sensory Friendly Church
- A Guide to Help Camp Programs Welcome and Include Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs
- Becoming a Sensory Friendly Camp
- Training for a Respite Session
- Tips and Strategies for Handling Challenging Behaviors

Additional topics are currently in development, so please check the website for the latest webinar listings.

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WHO NEEDS SKIP TRAINING?

Are your unit leaders, ministry leaders and volunteers asking for help with participants who are on the Autism Spectrum? Do you want to include children with autism in your programs but don't feel equipped?

The SKIP Program can help!

Our SKIP team will train your staff on how to welcome and incorporate children with autism spectrum disorder into your existing program. We will teach your staff members to:

- Address unique behaviors
- Handle sensory challenges
- Collaborate with parents
- Encourage and engage the child with special needs to interact with peers

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FOR MORE INFORMATION or to schedule SKIP training, please contact claire@atl-spectrum.com