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Twin Cities, MN

## Social Skills for Young Learners Application Winter 2019 (Ages 6-8)

**Please send your application to** [programstwincities@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:programstwincities@gigisplayhouse.org)

Or GiGi's Playhouse: Attn Ashley Olthoff 4740 Park Glen Road, St Louis Park, MN 55417

### Program Description:

Join us for 8 weeks of social skills building! We are offering a social skills class to target functional pragmatic skills for students **ages 6-8**. Social learning will be provided through play with a focus on a variety of targets, including: social communication, emotions, eye contact, and big and small problems. The group will promote peer interaction in a fun, friendly and welcoming environment.

Class will begin on **Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** and meet for **eight weeks**,  
ending on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Class will meet weekly- 6:00-6:45 pm

*If applying for more than one learner in the family, please fill out separate application forms.*

**Learner's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Learner's Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact: Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

*To ensure we have a program that focuses on important social skills for your learner for actively participating in the community, it would help us to know:*

**Types of Therapy Services** received in school or elsewhere

- ☐ Speech Therapy
- ☐ Occupational Therapy
- ☐ Physical Therapy

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Communication Abilities**

\_\_\_ Non-verbal: unable to communicate verbally or through pictures/signs

\_\_\_ Limited verbal ability: Can make one to two word utterances or relay basic wants/needs through picture/signs

\_\_\_ Moderate verbal ability: can speak in simple phrases use basic communication through pictures and signs

\_\_\_ Adequate verbal ability: can engage in conversation although not always socially appropriate

- ❖ I would like my learner to participate in the social skills program because:
  
  
  
  
  
- ❖ A few social skills goal areas targeted will include: big problems and small problems, expected and unexpected behaviors, and personal space. Which social skill goals do you think your learner would particularly benefit from?
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- ❖ What concerns do you have regarding your learner's behavior responses and/or social communication skills including interest in social interaction:

Families will receive a confirmation email once a completed application is received. Families must be able to commit to attending the majority of the weekly lessons. Please only apply if you know you can attend the majority of the sessions in this eight-week program as spots are limited and we often have a wait-list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

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Date