



After School Enrichment Program

The After School Enrichment Program at The Riley Behavioral and Educational Center serves school-age children who attend typical schools and need additional assistance with the development and/or maintenance of social skills. This program runs Monday-Thursday from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. The focus of After School Enrichment is on social language development, peer interaction, relationship development, and social skills. If necessary, some students may receive one-on-one instruction based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) during a portion of the scheduled enrichment time.

Activities:

- Social Language Development: *Teach Me Language*
 - The technique used in this curriculum is designed to improve a child's communication skills through the use of visual strategies. It exercises the children's oral, expressive ability as well as receptive language skills. The emphasis of social language within this program is to improve the child's ability to speak about a single topic, as well as to converse with a peer. Students will also be taught appropriate social questions/answers, how to express emotions, and critical thinking skills to improve their ability to use and understand language.
- Relationship Development—*Relationship Development Intervention with Young Children: Social & Emotional Development Activities for Asperger Syndrome, Autism, PDD, and NLD*
 - Based on the Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) model, this curriculum provides a comprehensive program for developing relationship skills with students with autism, Asperger's Syndrome, pervasive developmental delay, and related disorders. Foundational skills such as social referencing, regulating behavior, conversational reciprocity, and synchronized actions are targeted.
- Social Skills/Peer Interactions
 - Through social stories, board games, role-playing, imaginative play, and integrated play with typical peers, students are given an opportunity to practice new skills, maintain mastered skills, and acquire new skills for interacting with peers in less-structured settings.

Additional Support for Teachers, Staff and Families:

- Parent Support Meetings—held monthly. These meetings provide information on issues concerning autism, pervasive developmental delay, and other related disorders.
- On-going Staff Development/Training—these sessions focus on the implementation of research-based best practices in the fields of autism and education

Our After School Enrichment staff consists of:

- Certified special education teachers
- Behavioral therapists