Description
The program is:

- for children diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger’s Disorder or High Functioning Autism
- designed to improve friendship behaviors and social skills
- designed to build resilience from anxiety and depression and improve overall coping
- designed to promote self-esteem through success experiences
- developed by Michelle DePolo, Psy.D., BCBA-D, pediatric psychologist
- facilitated by Rachel Pasquerilla, EdD, BCBA and Lindsey Trump, EdS, BCBA
- designed to have a maximum of 6-7 children per group

How
The program promotes social development, friendship skills, and self-esteem in two formats:

- **TEACHING** (first 30 minutes) provides direct instruction about targeted social behaviors, coping, problem solving and emotions through group discussions, activities, video examples, and role-plays.
- **PRACTICING** (second 30 minutes) provides unstructured opportunities (“incidental teaching moments”) to practice their skills in a safe, low risk atmosphere while receiving immediate coaching and feedback.
- Treatment goals are specifically tailored to meet the needs of the group. Targeted skills and topics include:
  - making/keeping friends
  - resilience from depression
  - turn-taking in play/talking
  - building self-esteem
  - conversational manners
  - non-verbal communication
  - sportsmanship/losing
  - understanding social cues
  - reducing social anxiety
  - responding to teasing
  - staying on topic
  - problem solving

Who
- Middle Childhood (ages 9 - 11)
- Children are diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger’s Disorder or High Functioning Autism
- Children have primary placement in a regular education setting
- Children have generally average speech and language skills.
**When and Where**
- Tuesday evenings at KidsLink NeuroBehavioral Center, 899 Frost Road, Streetsboro, 44241
  Directions available on our website: [www.kidslinkohio.com](http://www.kidslinkohio.com)
- Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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**Cost**
The program fee is $480. A deposit of $240 is required.
Please note: Payment is due in full by the start of group

KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center providers are out-of-network for all insurance. Per
guidelines of your insurance, the program costs may be reimbursable under the CPT codes
90853 (group psychological treatment) and/or 90847 (family therapy). KidsLink is an
**Autism Scholarship** and **John Peterson Scholarship** provider.

**Enrollment Process**
To enroll please contact our office 330-963-8600 or by email at groups@kidslinkohio.com.

**PLEASE NOTE: LAST DAY TO ENROLL IS FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**

For information on additional group programs, please visit our website at [www.kidslinkohio.com](http://www.kidslinkohio.com) or follow us on Facebook