

Family Achievement Center  
**LIFE SKILLS SPRING GROUPS**  
**Ages 7 to 12 years**

March 4 - April 22, 2009: Ages 7, 8 and 9 (Wednesdays) 4:30 to 6 pm

March 3 - April 21, 2009: Ages 10, 11, and 12 (Tuesdays) 4:30 to 6 pm

Family Achievement Center offers Life Skills groups for children ages 7 to 12 years. The major focus of our life skills studies is "**getting along with others**". This is an area that touches everyone, everyday, everywhere; no wonder it is such an important skill to learn. Our curriculum is adapted from Life Skills Activities for Special Children by Darlene Mannix. Some of the topics covered include: "We Don't Look Alike," "Personality Differences," "Emotions," "Having Fun Together," "Learning From Each Other," "What Is a Friend," and "Another Point of View."

These groups are run on an eight-week private pay format under the direction of a speech language pathologist and/or occupational therapist. Each group lasts 1 hour and 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes provided for parent/therapist communications at the end of each session.

Your child must meet the following criteria for successful participation in these groups:

- Child must be between the ages of 7 and 12.
- Child should be able to participate in structured activities for more than one hour and also have an attention span of, at least, 10-15 minutes for individual activities
- Child should be able to initiate communication with other children and adults
- Child should have a desire and/or the motivation to make friends
- Child should be able to communicate his/her wants and needs
- Child should be intelligible to others most of the time
- Child's language should be spontaneous with little to no echolalia
- Child must be able to tolerate a group up to 10 peers with adult supervision
- Child must not demonstrate physical aggression towards others
- Group participant must not be a "flight risk"

**Space is limited—early sign-up is recommended!** If you would like additional information about these groups or if you wish to register, please contact Veronica at Family Achievement Center: 651-738-9888.