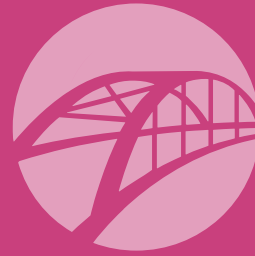


# Purpose

WonderKids (WK) is a social skills group for children ages 5-21 which provides therapeutic and social relationship interventions designed to teach and enhance age-appropriate social skills for those who have an Autism Spectrum or Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder diagnosis. WK is a step-down from traditional Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) which typically will teach the prerequisite skills necessary to benefit from a social skills group. WK may also be utilized as a stand-alone service or as an appropriate part of an intensive behavioral health discharge plan.

Wesley Family Services bases autism treatment on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) because we value quality service and evidence-based practices. Our staff utilize data-based decision making, and positive, proactive strategies in treatment. Wesley Family Services is committed to continuous improvement in the services we provide, and we strive to create an environment in which children are able to build lifelong skills and staff are able to successfully transfer abilities. We hold ourselves accountable for treatment outcomes, and we support our clients in becoming more independent, responsible, and caring members of their community.



# WonderKids



## **Empowering People. Strengthening Communities. Transforming the Future.**

Every day, the caring, highly trained staff of Wesley Family Services empowers children, adults and families to overcome challenges so that they can be part of a stronger community with a brighter future. When you or a loved one needs help, we'll be there.



**To get started, call**

# **412-342-2270**

[www.wfspa.org](http://www.wfspa.org)

Developing age-appropriate social skills in a therapeutic group setting





## WonderKids focuses on:

- Developing age-appropriate social skills
- Generalizing learned skills
- Self-regulation and coping skills
- Engaging in the use of abstract thought in conversation
- Understanding intentions, motives, emotions, and perceptions of others
- Participation in interactive/cooperative play
- Appropriate and safe decision making
- Flexibility/response to change
- Resolving conflict appropriately
- Personal space/appropriate social boundaries
- Self-awareness/eliminating socially inappropriate behaviors
- Maintaining attention and concentration in social situations
- Self-advocacy

## Eligibility Criteria

- Child has a current Autism Spectrum or Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder Diagnosis
- Child is between the ages of 5 and 21
- Child has Medical Assistance (MA)
- Child is able to consistently attend WK, has reliable transportation, and can be dropped off/picked up on time
- Child has a current, appropriate psychological evaluation recommending a social skills group for a set number of hours each week
- WonderKids screening must show that the child has been determined eligible and appropriate for entry into WK

## What to Expect

- An individualized treatment plan developed and reviewed by your child's clinical treatment team (including family and other service providers) every 6 months
- Progress notes with activity schedules and data are provided to parents at the conclusion of each Wonder Kids session
- Opportunities to meet one-on-one with WK staff/supervisor to discuss ongoing treatment
- WK staff collaboration and consultation with external professionals who provide treatment related to your child's social development
- Scheduled observations nights where parents can see their child participate in a WK session

## Where to Go

We offer WonderKids at locations throughout the Pittsburgh region, including:

Monroeville

Bridgeville

Wexford

For more information about where our offices are located, visit [www.wfspa.org/contact](http://www.wfspa.org/contact).

## Payment Options

WonderKids is covered by most private insurances, medical assistance and CHIP. Families can also self-pay for sessions. For additional questions, call our Centralized Admissions department at (412) 342-2270.



*“I love the WonderKids program because everyone is supportive and they feel like family.”*