Social Thinking Groups are designed to teach foundation Social Thinking skills.

Social Thinking is required before the development of social skills. Successful Social Thinkers consider the points of view, emotions, thoughts, beliefs, prior knowledge and intentions of others - this is usually referred to as "perspective taking." This is, for most of us, an intuitive process.

After an initial assessment, the individual will join a small group of people who are of a similar age and ability.

Each group will consist of a structured, fun and engaging lesson targeting a particular skill, a less structured conversation and/or play time to practice the skills followed by feedback from the instructor. The remaining ten minutes of the group will consist of parent/ significant other training to encourage generalization of skills between meetings.

Each session lasts 11 weeks and individuals are encouraged to commit to 2 or more sessions.



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Services offered by ABC include:

- Consultations to teams
- Evaluation Services
- Training



Social Thinking Groups

Getting Started:

Complete the Social Thinking Group referral form on the webpage and submit it via email or mail to Brittany. The referral form can be found at: www.abc-autism.com under "forms".

An evaluation will be scheduled and information about appropriate group placement will be provided after the evaluation is completed.

General Information:

Groups are currently held on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings at the office of Autism Behavioral Consulting, 6009 W. 41st Street. Suite 4

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What parents are saying:

"We are thrilled with our child's progress. Even though it is difficult; we would not miss a week at group. Thank you for knowing what to do and how to reach our child!"

"Thank you for understanding how our son thinks and for allowing him to see how others think! His social skills are improving and we are learning how to encourage Social Thinking."

