



The Friendship Group is a parent assisted intervention focusing on youth ages 7-10 years of age who have trouble making and keeping friends. It has been field tested most extensively with individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

There are separate Parent/Social Coach and child groups that meet at the same day and time each week. The session last 60 minutes. The Friendship group focuses on skills like:

- Having conversations
- Entering and exiting kids at play
- Making phone calls to friends
- Choosing appropriate friends
- Handling bullying, teasing and other forms of rejection
- Handling arguments and disagreements with friends
- Having appropriate get together with friends

Parents are taught how to help their child by acting as a social coach outside of the group.

During the child session, they are taught a skill and they practice whatever skill was taught while participating in social activities such as board games, card games or outdoor sports.

Homework assignments are given each week to make sure that the children are practicing the skills they were taught.

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