

# VARIETY SHINE INTENSIVE PROGRAM

## JANUARY 2020



## Social Communication & Conversational Skills Program

### 6 - 15 Years

This program focuses on teaching basic:

- **Social communication skills** - eye contact, initiating conversations, listening, turn taking, greetings & goodbyes, conversational manners, proxemics (awareness of personal space), prosody (focusing on speaking rate and volume)
- **Awareness** – of self/others, strengths and weaknesses in all of us
- **Self-esteem**
- **Applying non-verbal and verbal communication skills to potentially difficult social contexts** - e.g. meeting new people, asking for help, understanding and managing bullying behaviour, reacting to criticism, handlining situations perceived to be unfair and resolving conflict through compromise.
- **Dealing with feelings and opinions in real-life social contexts**
- **Abstract thinking skills** - e.g. figurative speech, idioms

This work involves role play, art, dance, drama, music and physical education and exercise.

This program relies heavily on the Social Thinking Curriculum, Think About You Thinking About Me, We Can Make It Better, Superflex, Whole Body Listening, Navigating the Social World, Social Use of Language-Program, You Are A Social Detective, STOP-THINK-DO Program, Social Stories, Room 14, Secret Agent Society and many others.

We need to identify specifically what social communication and conversational skills need to be targeted. This requires observation and discussion with parents and teachers.

### **RUNS AS**

This program is offered individually but may also entail some small group work.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Reports indicating this is a major priority for the student.

### **TEAM**

Speech-Language Interventionists

To see more about our **eligibility criteria**, please visit the [Variety SHINE Intensive Program Eligibility Page](#).

For further information please visit the [Variety SHINE Intensive Program 2020 Application Form](#).