SOCIAL CLIMBERS

Children ages 6-14 years with a goal of building social skills are invited to join the Social Climbers summer program through the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Program modality will be determined closer to the start date based upon public health and university policies.

Social Climbers is designed for children who:
- Have primary challenges related to friendships and social interaction
- Wish to attend and participate
- Will maintain consistent attendance
- Are able to participate in group activities for 90 minutes
- Have strong skills in spoken communication (i.e., speak in multiple sentences)
- Understand a variety of language concepts (i.e., follow multi-step directions, answer questions)

Using the Social Thinking® curriculum, children will be grouped by age and current social communication skill level. Spots are limited, and children will be chosen based on fit with other group participants. Group members will work with a graduate student clinician under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.

Skill-building will include thinking about others’ thoughts and feelings, having back-and-forth conversations, problem solving in social scenarios, critical thinking, cooperative work and play, emotional regulation, friendships and friendship skills.

Groups will meet Monday and Wednesday afternoons from June 14 through July 21, 2021.

Fees are assessed at the low group therapy rate of $30 per session; insurance is accepted, and a sliding fee scale is available for families who qualify.

For more details and screening information, contact either:

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Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Linsey Thomann at 319.335.8736.