



The Action Zone

Building self-esteem by helping children reach their “action potential.”

Playful Partners

Children do so much work on their own developmental skills through play. They work on muscle strengthening, attention, exploration skills... they even work on getting their brains and bodies ready for school! For children struggling with developmental delays, play time is the perfect time to help them work through some of their challenges.

Join us in the Action Zone at Sargent Rehabilitation Center for a new therapeutic adult-child play group called *Playful Partners*. *Playful Partners* is designed to inform, mentor, and coach adults (ie. parents, PASS workers, etc.) toward being the best play partner for a child with developmental delays. Blending the evidence-based practice of Floortime, Sensory Integration and TEACCH, adult play partners will learn to:

- Identify typical developmental pre-requisites for familiar early childhood games/play
- Identify the seven sensory systems that support the development of play skills
- Use physical structure and visual supports to facilitate and enhance a child’s play skills
- Modify typical early childhood games/play to support child-specific needs
- Create daily opportunities for child-specific skill improvement through play

Who will benefit from Playful Partners: Children ages 18 months – 4 years who have sensory, motor, attention and/or behavioral challenges.

Playful Partners 2010-2011 Schedule

Fall 2010
10/16/10-11/20/10
Saturday morning

Winter 2011
1/25/11-3/8/11
Tuesday afternoon

Spring 2011
5/14/11-6/25/11
Saturday morning

*For more information, please contact
Kathy Schlenz, Occupational Therapist, at Sargent Center (401-886-6640).
The deadline for registering for the fall session is 9/24/10.
Groups will run for 6 weeks, October 16 - November 20, 2010
and meet on Saturday mornings.*

Priority will be given to families that can make the commitment to attend all 6 sessions.

Placement and General Information:

Placement is based on availability of appropriate peer matches. The size of groups will be approximately 4 children. Groups are held for 6 consecutive weeks (except holidays) for one hour per week. A pre-enrollment process is required before placement in a group. This includes a half-hour screening to determine eligibility. Please call as soon as possible to schedule a screening as a limited number of spaces are available.

Fees & Payment Sources:

Screening is completed by an occupational therapist with a fee of \$60. For eligible participants, Medicaid will cover the screening fee. A modest \$20 pre-enrollment fee will be charged for all applicants placed in a group. The pre-enrollment fee is self pay and will be collected the first day of groups. Payment sources for group include Medicaid and self pay (cash, Visa, and MC). Payment for groups is \$360 (6 weeks, one-hour session per week).

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