

Joshua Center Newsletter

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Social Skills Board Games are ready to **LAUNCH**

When we first started offering social skills classes at the Joshua Center we spent a lot of money purchasing social skills games to use with the kids and were always disappointed. So....we started designing our own. Each game meets a specific objective with situation cards that relate to that objective. Believe me; the kids have given us hundreds of situations to use! After designing 20 games it's time to share them. The games are available in sets of 2 compatible back-to-back games or are sold as a set of 20 (2 back-to-back) at a considerable discount. All supplies are included. Game set titles are:

Friendships	Annoying Adrian	Bullying Bob	Organization Train	Keep on Talking
Me First	Facing Fears	You Bug Me	Giddy Iddy	
Heart to Heart	Give and Take	Witness	Home Sweet Home	Phone Etiquette
Making Choices	Weathering the Storm	Left Out and	Filters	
	Amazing Manners	Money Smarts		

They are on the website at http://www.joshuacenter.com/games_main.htm. Every school counselor in the Kansas City metro area will receive a brochure in the next couple of weeks. Additional brochures are available at the Joshua Center. We will be happy to mail you some.

Joshua Center University

The Joshua Center University is already a great success. The information is for parents, teachers, school counselors, family – anyone who wants to learn more about the disorders and how to help these kids. You can access the courses by following this link. <http://www.joshuacenter.com/training.htm>

2010 Camp

Our Camp is fast approaching. We are half full so if you are planning to send your child, please register. Camp dates for 2010 are June 13th – 17th. You can register at <http://www.joshuacenter.com/camp.htm>. Our overnight camp is for kids who have completed 3rd through 12th grades. This year we have a 2nd Grade Day Camp Pilot that will meet June 14th – 16th from 9am-4pm. Joshua Center Camp has been accredited with the American Camping Association since 2003. Our goal or your child is to offer a real camp experience like all other kids get to attend. Last year we had 78 campers and a staff of 60 so we are there to meet the needs of your child.

Social Skills Classes – Blue Springs

Social skills classes for Blue Springs will start as soon as we have at least 4 registrations per class. When registering your child please indicate which location you are interested in. Blue Springs classes meet the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at Timothy Lutheran Church. If you are interested in classes in other areas email Becky at becky@joshuacener.com. We are also interested in volunteer support to assist with the classes. High school seniors and up may contact Becky at becky@joshuacener.com.

The Seventh Annual Joshua Center Golf Classic May 14th at St. Andrews

We invite you to join us on May 14th for a great day of golf, food and fun in support of the Joshua Center for Neurological Disorders. You will be helping children affected by *Tourette Syndrome (TS)*, *Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)* and *Asperger Syndrome (AS)*.

Story Recommendations

As we are developing more social skills lessons we need to identify some great books to use with the lessons. I spend a lot of time researching appropriate stories to read to the kids, but thought I would ask my parents and teachers for recommendations. If you have suggestions please email Becky at becky@joshuacener.com.



Joshua Center Vision

What a wonderful thirteen years it has been! It does take a village to raise our kids and it is a wonderful feeling knowing that you have the support you need. The wonderful collaboration between Mike Sumler, our therapist, and Dr. Arms, our psychiatrist, makes all the difference for you and your child. Mike and Dr. Arms see kids and adults. To make an appointment call Sarah at 816-763-7605.