

Other Programs Available

SpeechKids is the private practice of Crisler Lovendahl, M.A., CCC-SLP, a Speech Pathologist and Child Development Specialist who has been practicing for more than twenty years.

Classroom Connection focuses on facilitating and coordinating individualized learning and program goals for students with learning needs.

The Clinical Consortium is a professional collaboration located in Bannockburn which provides the opportunity for master therapists to treat in a trans-disciplinary environment, thus enhancing collaboration and problem-solving.

These innovative programs were designed by Cris Lovendahl to create a triad of service options addressing play, communication, and learning in the clinic, home, classroom and camp settings.



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Fostering the
Social-
Emotional
well-being of
children and
their families

THE PLAY PARTNERS VISION

Play Partners was created to train and supervise paraprofessionals to provide additional hours focused on social-emotional development at an affordable rate. Play Partners offers support in the home, clinic, school and camp settings. Facilitated play dates in the child's home are encouraged.

Individualized goals typically focus on achieving regulation and mutual engagement through a range of emotions, circles of communication, and expression of symbolic and emotional ideas. Nurturing, playful obstruction, and intrusion may be used to foster robust self-concept, perspective-taking, and compliance across the child's expanding emotional range. Depending on each child's goals, intervention may be implemented in individual or group settings.

If activities and goals from RDI are the focus, then children practice shared emotion, social referencing, coordination and synchronization, enjoying variety and surprises, adapting to transformations and multiple versions, caring for others, and collaboration.

Services

- Detailed Social Skills Screening and Assessment
- Individual intervention in the home or clinic settings
- One-on-one aides in the school or camp settings
- Facilitation of home playdates
- Dyad or small group intervention in the clinic including: Friendship Groups, RDI Dyads, Social Motor and Alert Groups
- Parent and Team Coaching/Training
- Utilization of a variety of philosophical approaches including DIR-Floortime, Theraplay, Relationship Development Intervention (RDI); Social Stories and Bibliotherapy
- A variety of methodologies may be incorporated including; sensory support, PECS/Aug Comm, Visual Schedules, Therapeutic Listening
- Development and Organization of Creative Playrooms in the home setting
- Coordination and collaboration with private and educational team members

Additional Opportunities

- Free guest speaker nights with professionals in the field sharing information on their area of expertise
- Resource library with information on diagnosis, intervention and methodologies
- Facilitation of home programs
- Facilitation of Fast Forward programs
- Summer Camp Opportunities
- Winter Break Opportunities

