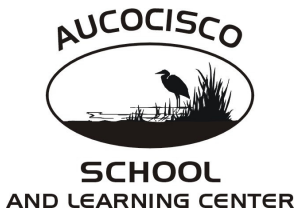




Kathy Condon has over 35 years of experience in both public and private schools teaching special needs students with language based learning difficulties, students on the autism spectrum and those with related disorders.



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Aucocisco Backstage

BACKSTAGE uses drama training, motivational games, and other age-appropriate activities to help children and young adults improve their skills in social behavior and communication, social emotions, and problem solving.

The goal is for students to learn and use their developing social pragmatic skills within the program, and to gain motivation to generalize them across other settings including home and school.

STAFFING: Each group is staffed by adults experienced in working with special needs children.

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ANNOUNCING...



A SOCIAL PRAGMATICS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AGES 8-16

BACKSTAGE integrates theater games and drama training with other highly motivating, age-appropriate activities that promote relationship building and foster skill development

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WHO: The BACKSTAGE program addresses the needs of children and teens aged 8-16 with Asperger's syndrome, high-functioning autism, non-verbal learning disability, ADHD, anxiety disorder, and other related challenges who struggle with social skills and peer relationships.

WHAT: The program integrates theater games and drama training with other highly motivating, age-appropriate activities (such as video games, factual trivia games, etc.). Semi-structured fun games keep students engaged and participation high. BACKSTAGE is designed to promote relationship building and foster skill development.

Teacher-to-student ratio is 1:3, and communication with families helps ensure that goals are being met.

Knowing how to interact successfully with others is one of the most crucial skills we learn in our lifetime. Yet understanding the subtleties of social language used in everyday life is a struggle for some students. This lack of understanding leaves them out of positive peer interactions and classroom participation.

FOCUS: The sessions help students develop social-emotional confidence and competence in the following key areas of social pragmatics:

- Theory of Mind
- Group interaction
- Independent conversation
- Identification of feelings
- Stress coping skills
- Body language
- Receptive non-verbal cues
- Eye contact
- Tone of voice
- Other applicable areas

WHEN: There are two sessions to choose from, morning and afternoon. Groups are formed based on age range, interests, learning styles, and schedule availability.

- **RUNS FOR 7 SATURDAYS:**
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22; Dec. 6, 13, 20
(No Backstage in Thanksgiving week)
- **MORNING SESSION:** 9:00-11:00 am
(\$450)
- **AFTERNOON SESSION:** 12:00-2:00 pm
(\$450)

WHERE: The program takes place in the friendly, supportive environment of Aucocisco School and Learning Center, located at 126 Spurwink Ave. in Cape Elizabeth.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested applicants must complete a written application (available at the school or at www.AucociscoSchool.org) and attend an interview. Families will be notified by mail of their children's acceptance status.

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