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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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A SOCIAL PRAGMATICS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS Age 8 to Young Adult

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

A program of AUCOCISCO SCHOOL and Learning Center



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WHO: The BACKSTAGE program addresses the needs of students aged 8 to young adult 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 improvisation games, creative projects, and a variety of media to understand humor and emotions. Sessions will provide opportunities to practice these skills in various social, artistic, and enrichment settings. These activities will engage students in practicing their social skills, allowing staff to observe and help them generalize new skills.

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: The BACKSTAGE program meets Saturdays during the school year, during school vacations, and for summer session. Groups are formed based on age range, interests, learning styles, and schedule availability.

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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