

Winter 2012

Play Groups for Thinking Socially



Thinking, Relating & communicating through play

Who will lead these groups?

Julie Carnes, L.P.C. and Shelley Marcus, an experienced Early Childhood Educator and family consultant will lead groups.

Julie has worked with children and families for thirty+ years as a teacher, school administrator and counselor, as well as a private therapist. She has taught many parenting classes and led many workshops for parents, teachers, and children. Currently she works privately with a wide range of children who have social, emotional, regulatory and developmental issues. She also coaches parents and consults with schools.

Shelley Marcus has joined with Julie to create these small, specialized, reflective thinking groups after more than 32 years of direct teaching experience. She has conducted a series of effective parenting classes as well as private mindful-parenting coaching sessions. She mentors both new and experienced teachers and trains classroom facilitators. She believes and teaches, "how you do anything is how you do everything". For nearly 20 years she has worked both individually and in groups with children and families using the DIR Floortime Model to strengthen and to support the emotional development, interaction, and social thinking of all children.

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What is a Play-based Group?

Our reflective thinking, play-based groups provide children an opportunity to better understand themselves and others. By utilizing the DIR Floortime Principles we work to foster a foundation that will facilitate each child's highest level of engagement, thinking, and interaction with their peers through play.

Our activities support your child's ability to form and maintain relationships while respecting individual differences within the group. We emphasize

- ❖ Child-generated play.
- ❖ Problem Solving.
- ❖ Semi-structured cooperative games and projects, as well as explicit adult directed teaching.

Your child will have opportunities to face challenges similar to those experienced throughout his/her typical day in a developmentally appropriate, non-judgmental and supported environment.

Each group will be limited to 4-6 children allowing the group leaders to be immediately available for situation specific coaching and exploration.

Our Play-based Groups are offered to Girls and Boys Between the ages of 5 – 10 years old.

All groups will meet at:
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This ten-week winter session costs \$950.00. The fee includes one 30-minute parent phone conference. The conference is designed to deepen your understanding of what we do in our groups, how we see your child, and what you can do in an ongoing way to support your child's emotional and social development. A \$475.00 deposit is due with this application with the balance due at or prior to our first meeting.

Please make deposit checks out to Julie Carnes and mail them to our Blackstone Centre Office Address.

We will notify you of your actual group placement as soon as possible. Preferred admission is given to our current students wanting to continue their work with us over the 2011-'12 school year. We do anticipate full groups so please send your application in as soon as possible.

For more information feel free to contact us at:

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Julie at 404-329-5020
Or
Shelley at 770-335-4200.*

Winter 2012 Sign-up Form

*Sign up for Winter 2012 Session:
Tues., January 3rd – March 6th and
Wed. Groups January 4th – March 7th 2012.
****Please note*****

These winter groups will meet for ten consecutive weeks. Our Scheduled groups meet at the following times and you will be notified, as soon as placement is finalized, which group is most appropriate for your child.

Tuesday Group 1: 3:30- 5:00 PM

Wednesday Group 1: 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Wednesday Group 2: 4:45 – 6:15 PM

Spring Groups will begin March 20th and 21st 2012
Our June Summer Schedule will begin June 4th
The specific summer times and options will be posted in January.

Child's name: _____

Birth date: _____

Current School: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Phone: (H) _____

Cell: _____

Cell: _____

Primary email contact: _____

Additional email contact: _____

Any other contact info: _____