

## Group-Based Treatment

### Improving verbal communication in young children ages 3 to 5 years old



This group treatment teaches parents to improve verbal communication in young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) using a naturalistic behavioral intervention that is based on applied behavior analysis principles (ABA), Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT). The treatment has research evidence of improving language, social behaviors, and decreasing problem behaviors.

Parents will learn strategies in a group setting with other parents. Also, two individual family sessions (with the child) will be provided to personalize feedback and assess children's response to treatment.

Parents will be asked to video record the strategies they practice at home that they will then present during the parent group in order to receive personalized feedback from the parent group leader.

This group is intended for families interested in increasing verbal communication or the diversity of their child's language. Also, the group is intended for families interested in learning strategies to directly use with their children and who prefer a group learning setting with other parents.

The program will be provided across 12 weekly sessions once a week on Tuesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in the program, please contact our office at the Child and Adult Neurodevelopmental Clinic (CAN Clinic) to set up an intake appointment to help us determine if this form of treatment is a good fit for your child's needs at: 310-794-4008.

Cost: Please call our office for information about our current fees. Self pay fees are \$100 per week plus a one-time intake fee. Many insurance companies may cover part of the cost of the program.

The group will start in November 2013