

## THE HELP GROUP CENTER FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

### PROGRAM

The Help Group Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders is a highly specialized outpatient clinic for children 12 months to 18 years of age. The center provides diagnostic evaluations using the latest research-based assessment tools, including the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) - the most widely accepted diagnostic tool for all levels of ASD. The center offers state-of-the-art developmental, psycho-educational and neuropsychological assessments, as well as individual, family and group therapy. Parent support groups and parent and professional training programs are also available throughout the year.

A full Diagnostic evaluation consists of an in-depth interview with parents, review of all previous records, administration of the ADOS and school observation if warranted, a feedback session with parents and the provision of a full written report detailing diagnostic impressions and recommendations. This diagnostic evaluation can be combined with a developmental, psycho-educational or neuropsychological assessment.

A range of services are available for children suspected of having Autism, Asperger's Disorder, High-Functioning Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified and other related disorders.

### THE CENTER OFFERS:

- Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluations (Including the ADOS)
- Developmental Assessments for children under six-years of age.
- Psycho-educational Assessments for children over six-years of age.
- After School Social Skills Training
- Summer Camp Programs
- Individual and Family Counseling
- Parent Support Groups
- Parent Training Programs
- Early Play and Socialization Programs
- School Consultation
- Post Graduate Training and Research
- Professional Seminars

### THE FACULTY

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