



Program Overview

The Amazing Kids Club is a social skills IBHS Group Therapy Service for any client on the Autism Spectrum. The program focuses on developing communication, socialization, and play skills in a group setting. The goal of Amazing Kids Club is to lessen a child's dependence on intense one to one interventions and provides a therapy based curriculum which addresses individual as well as group and relationship goals.

A variety of therapy treatments are developed, by our Master level clinicians (GLPs), during the service which include centers, social activities, group emotive therapy, large movement activities, self-regulation, and art therapy. Through these therapies positive behavior is promoted by using positive reinforcement, prompting, fading, strengthening social connections, interactive play skills, and changing problem patterns of thinking and behaviors.

Our staff use the opportunity during our group therapy sessions to provide teachable moments that allow children and adolescents to experience successful social skills in a variety of settings. This then allows our clients to use those learned skills in outside settings to build their confidence.

Placement of a child in one of our therapeutic social groups is based off age, needs, and functioning level of the child. Appropriate placement of each child/adolescent will take place during the assessment process with their clinician.

Determination of Services

A client may have a recommendation for Amazing Kids Club services from an evaluation or written order. This alone does not guarantee immediate implementation of services. The client and family will meet with their assigned Master Level Clinician to determine client's appropriateness for group services. Amazing Kids Club group service is appropriate for children with minimal self-injurious behaviors, no assaultive behaviors, functional communication (i.e.: PEC's, sign language, gestures, vocalization), and children who can benefit in a small social group model of therapy. Due to more intensive needs of the child we are unable to start services for any child with severe intellectual delays or Down Syndrome.



Program Specifics

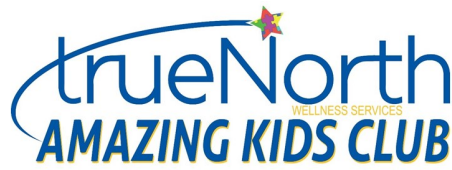
- Amazing Kids Club services are available to clients who reside in **York or Adams County ONLY**.
- The Afterschool Social Program runs during the school year August-May, 4:15-7:15 pm with the client attending up to two days a week. This program services clients age 5, who will be or have attended Kindergarten through the age of 20.
- The Preschool Age Social Program has two sessions, AM 8:15-11:15 or PM 12:00-3:00, with clients attending up to four days a week. This program runs year round and services clients age 2-5 who have not yet registered for Kindergarten.
- Our Summer Day Program is a continuation of our afterschool program. The summer program runs 11 weeks during the summer 9:00-3:00 with clients typically attending up to three days a week. This program services clients age 5, who will be or have attended Kindergarten through the age of 20.
- Amazing Kids Club does not offer transportation to the program. If a family is in need of transportation our family liaisons can assist in providing contact information for public transportation services.
- The number of days for attendance is based off the recommendation given in the client's evaluation.

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Amazing Kids Club– Eligibility and Team

Eligibility Requirements

- All clients must be a **York or Adams County resident**.
- An **Autism Spectrum Disorder** or **Social Pragmatic Communication Disorder** diagnosis is required to receive our services. A Medical diagnosis must be given by a licensed psychologist. We are unable to use school reports or an educational diagnosis from an IEP to initiate services.
- A current (within the past year) psychological evaluation or written order prescribing Amazing Kids Club or IBHS Group Service is required. An appropriate recommendation of hours per month for services is needed as part of the evaluation or written order.
- York or Adams County Medical Assistance Insurance (not CHIP) is required for your child/adolescent's payment of services. Any client interested in attending Amazing Kids Club will be eligible for Medical Assistance (CCBHO) by providing a proper medical diagnosis when applying for Medical Assistance and marking a disability of Autism on the application form.

Interested families may contact our Family Liaisons if they are in need of assistance to obtain an evaluation, written order and/or applying for Medical Assistance.



Meet The Team

Family Liaisons– Family Liaisons provide public relations, intake/enrollment, and informational processing services to the families of children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and community members interested the program. Family Liaisons will assist families in completing the intake process to begin services.

Behavioral Health Technicians– BHTs provide direct mental and/or behavioral health therapeutic group services to children, youth and young adults attending the group service, Amazing Kids Club. They utilize specialized therapy techniques to promote social development while implementing curriculum created by the master level clinician.

Graduate Level Professionals– GLPs are responsible for the daily operation of a program/s and performance of staff to meet goals of the program. Ensures agency process/policies are followed for continuity of care for clients. The Graduate Level Professional (GLP) will provide direct behavioral and mental health therapeutic services to children with childhood developmental disorders utilizing specialized group and individual therapy techniques. GLP's create a curriculum based on therapeutic needs for each group in the program.

Site Supervisor– Assist the Administrative and Clinical teams providing oversight for the daily operation of TrueNorth Wellness Services' on-site autism center, Amazing Kids Club (AKC). The Site Supervisor will work on all aspect necessary to provide daily operation management for the center.

Clinical Supervisors– Clinical Supervisors are responsible for the daily operation of a program/s and performance of staff to meet goals of the program. Ensures agency process/policies are followed for continuity of care for clients and ensures the organization's mission is attained. The Clinical Supervisor will work on all aspect necessary to provide clinical services for the center. Clinical supervisors oversee the assignment of client's to the appropriate social group during the intake process.

Authorization Specialist– The Authorization Specialist is responsible for initializing and completing the authorization packet process for clients in the Autism Program in an appropriate timeframe to ensure authorization of services. Authorization specialist will assist families in scheduling their yearly updated evaluation/written order.

Administrative Coordinators– Administrative Coordinators are responsible to assist in the daily operation of a program/s and performance of staff to meet goals of the Amazing Kids Club (AKC) program. Ensures agency process/policies are followed for continuity of care for clients.

Program Director– The program director is responsible for oversight of quality and production of services and development of services for their assigned program(s). Administratively monitors specific areas of their program/s such as finances, clinical, compliance, policies, and personnel.

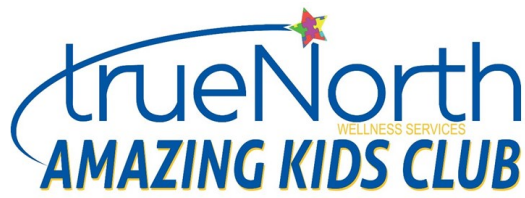
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Intake Process

Intake Steps

1. Intake Screening: A general intake questionnaire will be completed (see QR code on next page for link to form) by families and a copy of your insurance card(s) will be obtained. For any client seeking services under 14 years of age, you must provide both biological parents contact information or a copy of custody the information

2. Insurance Authorization: Our billing team will verify insurance benefits and request prior-authorizations or denials as needed. They will monitor active coverage throughout the duration of services rendered. Copies of current insurance cards will need to be provided upon request.

Medical Assistance is required for your child/adolescent's payment of services.

Act 62 requires some private health insurance companies to cover services to diagnose and treat Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) If your child/adolescent has dual coverage, the private insurance carrier may require documentation a for prior authorization approvals and denials. At any time, services can be denied and will require family's full participation in an appeal process to continue with services.

3. Client Portal Registration and Intake Forms: A portal registration key will be provided by email to every family by our Family Liaisons. An alternate registration process is available upon request for families with limited internet access. You will create a client portal to complete the registration paperwork, sign consents for services, and sign releases of information (ROIs) to assist us in collaborating with other services.

4. Psychological Evaluation and/or Written Order: Every client will need a current psychological evaluation or written order with an Autism disorder or Social Pragmatic Communication disorder diagnosis, along with prescribing recommended hours for Amazing Kids Club or IBHS Group service (we are not an ABA group service provider.) A school IEP or evaluation report will not be sufficient to authorize services. Any family seeking an evaluation or written order may contact one of our Family Liaisons to assist in the process.

Assessment Process: An assessment meeting for your child/adolescent will determine the ability to participate in the program.

The child/adolescent must be present for this Assessment Meeting. Your family will be assigned a **Graduate Level Professional (GLP)** who will meet with your family to review information/documentation received during the screening and registration process. We will discuss strengths, concerns, and goals for the client at this time. The GLP will then escort the **client only** to the recommended group for a 20-30 minute observation. During the client observation, parents/guardians may be asked to complete additional forms to assist with proper placement and recommendations. A Treatment Planning Meeting will be scheduled with assigned GLP to develop goals and objectives for treatment. Medication information and transportation information will be completed during this meeting. You will receive a confirmation of your child's/adolescent's schedule with a tentative start date.

If the client is deemed not appropriate for our group service, by their clinician (GLP), additional more intensive resources and referrals will be provided to family.



Scan the QR code to complete our general intake form or visit TrueNorth Wellness Services-Amazing Kids Club website to access the form. Once complete a Family Liaison will contact you to initiate the intake process.

<https://truenorthwellness.org/Autism>

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Amazing Kids Club-FAQs

What is the Cost of the Program? There is no out of pocket cost to families. All clients need to have Medical Assistance coverage, even if they are already covered with private insurance. If a client does not have Medical Assistance one of our Family Liaisons will assist you in the application process. Amazing Kids Club is unable to receive any other payment for services except state medical assistance.

Does Amazing Kids Club provide transportation? Amazing Kids Club does not provide transportation to the program. Families are responsible to drop off and pick up from each session. If a family is in need of assistance with transportation please contact one of our Family Liaisons to assist in providing you information on public possible transportation services to assist.

What times are the programs? Our afterschool program is a 3 hour program from 4:15-7:15 on the assigned nights. The preschool social program is a 3 hour program with morning and afternoon sessions to choose from. Morning session is 8:15-11:15 and afternoon session is 12:00-3:00. Our 11 week summer program runs 9:00-3:00.

How many days can a client attend the program? Clients are given a set number of days to attend depending on the program they are apart of, recommendation of service hours from evaluations, and availability in their assigned group. On average our afterschool program attendance is up to two days a week, preschool program is up to four days a week, and our summer program is up to three days a week for service. Your child's specific schedule and attendance of days will be determined when you meet with your clinician (GLP) at their assessment meeting.

What is needed for a child to start the program? Prior to starting the program the client and family will need to complete the intake process with one of our Family Liaisons. All intake forms need to be completed, family is registered for the client portal, insurance information has been verified, medial assistance is active, and client has a current evaluation with a medical Autism Diagnosis and Amazing Kids Club in the recommendations.

Are snacks/lunch provided? Families are responsible for providing snack items for the afterschool program that clients may eat during he beginning of the session. During the summer program families will need to provide a lunch for clients.

What are the intake steps? The first step is to complete the general intake form that can be found on the Amazing Kids Club web page. One of our family liaisons will contact you to go over the program and intake steps.

What is the timeframe for a client starting the service? The timeline for a client getting started is dependent upon all the intake steps being completed, an opening in your child's appropriate social group, and completing the assessment process with your assigned clinician.

Will I have regular update meetings with my child's clinician? Yes all families will have 6 months and yearly review meetings to discuss progress on goals and an update on their treatment plan with their child's assigned GLP.

Does a client have to have an Autism Diagnosis come? Any client attending the Amazing Kids Club must have either a recent Autism or Social Pragmatic Communication Disorder Diagnosis.

Do Amazing Kids Club take Donations? Yes Amazing Kids Club takes donations of used or new toys, games, art supplies, clothes, snacks, etc. in good condition. If interested in donating to Amazing Kids Club please contact one of our Family Liaisons or request a copy of our current wish list.

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Our Locations



Amazing Kids Club Hanover Location

1181 Westminster Ave,
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Amazing Kids Club Red Lion Location

PO Box 3294
3290 Cape Horn Rd,
Red Lion, PA 17356

Family Reviews

"The socialization programs at AKC have made all the difference in the world. He is much calmer, has developed functional speech, emerged academically, and has become more confident as he finds his place in the world. The change has been incredible to watch and has been life-changing for our family. AKC gets results!"- **Jim M. (Parent)**

"Amazing Kids Club is appropriately named, not only for the amazing kids that attend but the amazing services that are provided. I have six children, three of whom have autism. With our children at AKC, our world started to open up. AKC provides outings for the kids, field trips to learn things we all take for granted - like how to eat out, to walk through a mall, participate in group activities, enjoy ice cream, ride in bumper cars, and look at a book in the library. Before AKC, I thought all doors were closed, with nowhere to go, no future. I don't feel that way any more. AKC makes sure I'm at my best, the typical siblings are doing alright, and our family is headed in the right direction. They care about all of us. They understand that each child is different and you have to find that one key that sets everything in motion. I pray that Amazing Kids Club can grow and serve more children, so that other families can share the same hope for the future that I now hold." - **Jenna H. (Parent)**



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