

EARLY SOCIAL INTERACTIONS **ESI** PROGRAM



What is the ESI Program?

An evidence-based program to promote active engagement and social communication development.

The child and caregiver participate together exploring how to create opportunities to practice and learn, and make every moment count!



Who is the ESI Program for?

The ESI Program is for children 0-4 years of age, with or without a diagnosis of autism, who prefer to spend time on their own, and who are not yet communicating as expected.

It is also for caregivers looking for ways to increase their child's social interaction skills. Learn how to build positive parent-child connections, to encourage social communication, and to connect with other families.

Research shows that young children with autism who spend at least 25 hours a week actively and productively engaged in meaningful learning activities do better in kindergarten than those who do not.



Active Engagement

Good communication is more than talking, it also includes noticing and engaging with others and “hanging in”. We call this “active engagement”.

Sessions will offer opportunities to reflect on what you have been practicing, try out new ideas and strategies with feedback, and help solve problems areas.

Programs are offered in person and online.

ESI INTRO Program

This 3-week program is designed to introduce families to early communication skills that matter most.

Fee: \$145.00

Includes three 45-minute sessions, handouts and between-session planning to ensure you are getting the most from the program. Each family will be provided with a materials box that will include the items/props used in the sessions.



ESI Program

In this 6-week program you will learn specific supports to improve social communication. The specific supports are organized into three layers that are taught in sequence:

Layer 1: Shared Agenda
Layer 2: Social Reciprocity
Layer 3: Better Skills

Fee: \$225.00

Includes 1-hour pre-group session with parents, handouts and between-session planning to ensure you are getting the most from the program. Each family will be provided with a materials box that will include the items/props used in the sessions.



Why is there a need for an ESI Program?

- Early detection and early intervention can have a lifetime impact for children with autism
- As your child's first and most important teacher, by building confidence to actively engage you will have a lasting impact on your child's development

CONTACT US

For more information on the ESI Program and to register, visit www.childrensautism.ca or call our office at **780.495.9235**.