

RICK LAVOIE

“Sorry...that seat’s taken”: Helping Children and Youth Develop Effective Social Skills

Saturday Nov 11, 2017 · 9:00am - 12:15pm

The average student spends 1,080 hours a year in the classroom. This represents only 5% of the child’s waking hours. The majority of a child’s time is spent in SOCIAL situations... in the hallways, in the cafeteria, on the school bus, at Grandma’s, at hockey practice and in the neighbourhood.

This presents a significant problem for kids with 22q. The cognitive and learning challenge that they face often impact their ability to interact with peers, family and authority figures. As a result, they often experience social isolation and rejection.

This seminar, based on the speaker’s 35 year’s experience with students at special boarding schools, will discuss the correlation between 22q and social skill development. Specific strategies will be discussed and demonstrated that will enable parents, professionals and caregivers to assist children in establishing (and maintaining) friendships.

Among the topics covered will be:

- The generic nature of social skills difficulties
- The impact of language disabilities and paralinguistics on social skills
- Teaching the Hidden Curriculum to 22q students
- Social skill interventions that DON’T work
- Parents’ role in social skill development
- Ten steps toward a successful play date.

**For more information or to register for
Rick’s Keynote Address, contact:
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“It’s So Much Work to Be Your Friend”

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