



## *The Summit Center announces:* **e-Connections Summer Program**

- Three 2-week skill development sessions to choose from:  
Friendship, Self-Regulation/Problem-Solving, and School Readiness
  - July 6 – August 7, 2020
- Participate virtually from your home
  - 90 minutes per day
  - For children ages 6- 16

For more than 15 years, *Summit's Summer Treatment Programs* have offered camp-like experiences, for children and adolescents, designed to improve children's social, emotional, and behavioral skills. Due to the uncertainty associated with the coronavirus pandemic, we have adapted our program for an on-line, virtual format so that children may participate from their own homes.

**Who is Eligible:** This virtual program is designed for children ages 6-16 with social-interaction and/or behavioral difficulties, related to high functioning autism (AS/HFA), ADHD, or other disabilities.

**What is e-Connections Summer Program?** e-Connections Summer Program is an on-line extension of the evidence-based Connections program which provides children and adolescents with direct-instruction, training, experience, and practice in three skill areas:

- Friendship (July 6 – 17)
- Self-Regulation & Problem Solving (July 20-31)
- School Readiness (August 3 – 7) ←one-week session

The *daily 90-minute program* will be delivered virtually using *Microsoft Teams for Education* and *Class Dojo*. Prior to each session, we will work with families to solve any technology/connectivity concerns to ensure that your child is ready to go.

**Focus on skill development:** Key therapeutic components of our "in-person" programs have been adapted for this new virtual format. Children will be part of a small group (6-7 children) for 90 minutes daily, and participate in daily Skillstreaming instruction, followed by interactive, engaging, and fun social-cooperative activities, designed to practice the targeted skills. A behavioral point system and individual behavioral goals, along with immediate performance feedback, frequent praise, and daily/nightly/weekly reinforcement will help build, encourage, and reinforce skill demonstration.

**Parent training:** Weekly parent-training webinars will offer ways to extend and continue gains to home and school settings.

Sessions/Skill Focus/Dates/Cost:

SESSION	SKILL FOCUS AREAS	DATES	COST	SECTION 1 8:30–10:00	SECTION 2 10:30–12:00
1 Two weeks	Friendship	July 6-July 17	\$640	Ages 6-10	Ages 11-16
2 Two Weeks	Self-Regulation & Problem-Solving	July 20-July 31	\$640	Ages 6-10	Ages 11-16
3 One Week	School Readiness	Aug 3-Aug 7	\$320	Ages 6-10	Ages 11-16

*Children may participate in multiple sessions.*

*e-Connections is a private pay program.*

Groups are limited to 6 – 7 participants (24 participants are required by June 5, 2020 for the program to operate)

Complete information including a FAQ, application, and payment information are available at <https://www.thesummitcenter.org/econnections>



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