

The Families And Children Engagement (FACE) program is an instructional playgroup designed for young children 18-36 months of age who receive Early Intervention services and exhibit social communication difficulties.

In this program, evidence-based practices are used with families to learn ways to expand their child's ability to interact and participate in the world as well as increase their child's learning opportunities throughout their everyday routines.



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**A Social Communication
Coaching Program**

An early intervention coaching opportunity for children with social communication difficulties and their caregivers.



Program Content:

- Tips for capturing children's attention.
- Having fun with sensory social routines.
- How to build back-and-forth interactions.
- The importance of nonverbal communication.
- Helping children learn through imitation.
- How children learn (behavior).
- Helping children practice joint attention.
- How young children develop play skills.
- Supporting speech development in young children.



Program Format:

At the beginning of each session, caregivers will meet to review their Joint Plans and learn a new strategy. The children will be close-by in the playroom interacting with other playgroup staff members.

Next, caregivers will join their children in the playroom and begin practicing their newly learned strategy. Therapists will observe the caregiver-child interactions and offer coaching support to each family.

Before leaving the session, caregivers will create a Joint Plan with the support of a coach, identifying daily routines in which the new strategy could be applied. Caregivers will be encouraged to share this plan with their Primary Service Provider (PSP).



Eligibility:

To participate in this program, children must be eligible for Michigan Mandated Special Education Services and have an active Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).