

### **How therapy groups are organized:**

- During the school year, social groups will begin in mid September and run through mid June. Summer program runs late June through mid August.
- Social Groups are carefully arranged according to student match regarding social, cognitive and behavioral ability and fill up quickly. Size is limited to 2-4 students. These after school sessions are 60 minutes in length. The first 45 minutes are for direct instruction with students and the final 10-15 minutes are spent in parent/caregiver consult. Carry-over assignments and activities are offered during the parents' time and are an important link to improving social competence in every day situations.
- Students new to Strides do need to participate in an intake assessment (a meet/greet) at a fee of \$95 for a 30-60 minute appointment.
- Individual sessions for speech/social/language therapy are scheduled on a weekly basis, usually for a period 60 minutes.

Thank you for understanding that scheduling well-matched groups across family schedules and cities is extremely challenging. The integrity of each group is dependent on information provided about day and time availability prior to participation in group and then on each student's presence for the others throughout a semester once a group has begun. Drop outs for seasonal sports or other commitments result in an unsatisfactory experience for all the participants. Families are expected to make every effort to attend all semester sessions. This is particularly true for those seen in small groups of two students!

Thank you in advance for consideration of these factors.

### **Hourly Fees and Policies:**

- \*A deposit in the amount of two sessions is required prior to start of services. This deposit will be used to cover the final two weeks of your student's enrollment at Social Strides.
- \$95/group of 3-4, \$105/group of 2, and \$145/all other services including assessment, solo therapy and reporting.
- Families are invoiced during the first week of the month for the preceding month's therapy sessions. Beyond one unbilled absence allowed for any reason per year, all scheduled sessions will be invoiced. Please know that it is often possible to make arrangements in advance for groups to meet at alternative times/days for make-up sessions.
- \*Balances remaining overdue in excess of six weeks are subject to a late fee of 2% of the total balance per each month that it is left outstanding unless other arrangements are negotiated.
- 24 hour notice is appreciated if your child will be missing a session and two weeks notice are needed if your child will be discontinuing therapy.
- Parents and agencies wishing to contract for consultative and/or collaborative work in the areas of occupational therapy, behavioral intervention or other related services will be given referrals and the fee schedule of the individual provider(s). Social Strides does contract with school districts and will work collaboratively with ABA agencies to develop and monitor social and language programming implemented by behavioral teams.
- Workshop fees for regular education classmates and/or other groups are determined on a case by case basis and depend on the number of students/classes to be included and the overall number of visits arranged to the school site.
- Strides is an out of network provider and families are expected to keep their balance current independent of seeking insurance reimbursement. As a convenience and on the request of a family, medical insurance codes will be provided on invoices for those students holding a medical diagnosis related to services.

Please sign and date below that you understand and agree to the above policies ~ Thank you.

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Signature

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Date