

Learn the Music of Language!



Targeted Intervention

Based on the results of an initial Prosody Screening Test, we will develop an individualized course aimed at improving fundamental expressive and receptive prosodic skills, including:

- Voice Volume
- Speaking Rate
- Syllable and Word Stress
- Intonation and Inflection
- Emotional Expression
- Sarcasm and Irony

What is Prosody?

Prosody is the “music” of speech: the rhythm, stress, and intonation of our spoken language. It conveys important information that is not encoded simply by our choice of words, including elements such as emotion, sarcasm, emphasis, and the form of our utterance (whether we are asking a question, giving a command, or making a comment). Prosody can serve as the spoken equivalent of a written punctuation mark, and it can let our listeners know when we are at the end of our conversational turn.

Why is Prosody Important?

People on the Autism Spectrum typically have some level of impairment in their ability to perceive, interpret or express the subtle differences in spoken language. As a result, they may interpret language too literally, miss or misuse multiple meaning words, or misinterpret sarcasm and irony. From an expressive standpoint, people on the Autism Spectrum often have “flat” voices that lack typical intonation and stress patterns, which may give others the inaccurate impression that they are bored, disinterested, humorless, or downright rude.



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Summer 2014 Prosody Groups

Accepting applications for new students.

Starts week of: June 16th

Ends week of: August 22

(no group week of June 30 – July 4)

9 weekly classes to provide clients with focused clinical intervention aimed at the acquisition of new information and skills, as well as varied opportunities for practice and application in a fun, supportive environment.

Day and time is based on client's schedule availability and final group placement by group administrators.

Tuition – \$540 for the 9 week session with a discounted tuition of \$495 available for students who pay in full the first week.

To Apply – complete an application and submit as soon as possible. Groups are created as applications are received and appropriate peer groups can be formed. Applications can be downloaded from our website or email Info@Spectrumsocial.net and request an application be sent.

Prosody Groups are led by Kimberly Dolmanet, M.A., CCC-SLP, a speech-language pathologist with over fifteen years of experience in language, articulation, fluency, and social cognitive intervention for youth and young adults on the Autism Spectrum.

