

## *Spectrum Connections: - Circle of Friends*

### **Friendship skills group for Children with ASD**

1. Does your child have a diagnosis of Aspergers, or High Functioning Autism?
2. Is your child aged between eight to twelve years?
3. Does your child enjoy playing games and want to make friends?

If you answered **yes** to the above, **you are invited** to Express Interest in your child participating in a new innovated programme designed to encourage and facilitate friendship development for children on the spectrum.

**Facilitators:** Julia Bowden and Ray Bartlett (Youth Workers, CIT Woden)

**Location:** Meeting room, Autism Asperger ACT,  
The Chifley Community Hub (formerly Chifley Primary)  
Corner of Eggleston Crescent and MacLaurin Crescent, Chifley  
(Look for the entrance near the big YMCA sign).

This program will focus on improving your child's social self confidence and self esteem to better improve awareness of social interactions for your child's every day social situations.

Each ninety minute weekly session will have a parent/child home task to consolidate the learning experience. Participation will involve a short (pre and post) written questionnaire. The social action evaluation study will be used to measure and improve the programme's effectiveness. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. A report will be made available to parents on their child's progress, on completion of the programme.

- The program will run on Wednesdays from 3 30pm to 5 00pm.
- The sessions run for seven weeks; starting 28th July.
- Expressions of Interest must be received by 14th July

Autism Asperger ACT is part sponsoring this program for members, so the total programme **cost** per child will be **\$105**. That equates to only \$15 per week.

There is a limit of ten students per program. We are seeking Expressions of Interest from families keen to participate in the programme.

*For further details please email [bm@autismaspergeract.com.au](mailto:bm@autismaspergeract.com.au) or telephone Autism Asperger ACT on 02 6176 0514.*