

Could your child better relate with other children?  
Consider enrolling him or her in a new series of ...

## *Social Skills Groups!*

**S**ocial skills are crucial to our success in life. The repertoire of skills that we acquire becomes more complex throughout childhood. Children are expected to observe, interpret and respond in social situations all day long.

**Encompass** now offers social-skills treatment for children from preschool age through adolescence. One-hour sessions are led by two therapists, with four to five children per group. Children are matched to appropriate groups based upon their skill levels.

A variety of skills is addressed to promote social skill development, in these four areas:

- ◆ **Early developing skills:** listening to others, following directions, eye contact, keeping a calm body during interactions and greetings.
- ◆ **Interpersonal skills:** turn-taking, sharing, requesting, responding, initiation, perspective taking and conversation skills.
- ◆ **Problem-solving skills:** conflict resolution, cooperative skills, emotional regulation and big problems vs. small problems.
- ◆ **Nonverbal-communication skills:** reading others' body language, emotional state and personal space awareness.

Insurance coverage and private-pay options are available. Interested? Please call us to schedule an evaluation to determine if your child is ready for a Social Skills Group!

For more information, visit [www.encompassnw.org](http://www.encompassnw.org), or call 425.888.3347.

To speak with a therapist to determine if an evaluation is appropriate, please contact **Kim Kanzler**, clinical supervisor, at 425.888.3347 or [kim.kanzler@encompassnw.org](mailto:kim.kanzler@encompassnw.org).

