

Social Skills & Employment Skills Training For Teenagers with Autism Sponsored by ASGO

When: Thursday, May 14, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (approx end time)

Place: Wal-Mart
8990 Turkey Lake Road
Orlando, FL 32819
(407) 351-2229

What: Here is the list of goals/activities that we want for the kids to work on during this activity:

1. Please meet us inside the McDonalds at the front entrance of Walmart (if facing Walmart, please use the far left hand side entrance). We really need to start the program at 6:00 PM. So, please aim to get there before 6:00 PM.
2. We will start with a quick meal at McDonalds. We will work on waiting in line, ordering so that the employee can hear the order, using appropriate manners when ordering, eating with good table manners, and socializing with our friends.
3. We will break out into small groups of 2-3 depending on the number of participants. Please note – each parent should plan on accompanying his/her child throughout this activity.
4. Each group of teenagers will be given a grocery cart filled with products that have to be re-shelved. The teenagers will take turns identifying a product in the cart and determining by signage and department, where that item goes. (Please note that is where adult assistance will be needed this first time around). Once it has been determined where the item needs to go, then the group will go together to that area and try and find the exact product on the shelf. The child whose turn it is will then put the item back on the shelf and the next child will have a turn to pick the next item out of the basket. The entire process starts over again until all items have been removed from the cart and returned to the shelf.
5. Once the basket is empty, each group will then come back to the front of the store where they will be paid for their work. Please note – stocking shelves is a great job and some of our teenagers would be great at it. Because they will have re-stocked the shelves, each teenager with autism who participates will be given \$10.00.
6. The teenager will then be allowed to go back through the store and choose something to purchase. Please note – this is going to be a very hard concept for some. It is going to involve making choices. Some items they pick might be more than \$10.00 so they are going to have to “save it” and wait until the next time or choose something else.
7. Once the teenager has picked the item, they will have to maneuver the check out line by using good waiting skills, determining amount of money that they have to give, turning over the money, waiting for change, etc. Again, hard skills to learn when most of our kids will just want the item and will leave without any change☺!