



The SOAR Experience

For children and teens with solid verbal skills who experience the social communication and social skills challenges seen in Level 1 Autism Spectrum Disorder

Level 1 Autism Services Department

FOR SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce that West Bergen Level 1 Autism Services Department will host The SOAR Experience for the 9th summer. As in previous years, we have requested school personnel's input in completing an application for SOAR candidates. However, in order to facilitate a smooth application process for your students, we condensed our request to the following:

- ✓ A copy of the student's most current IEP
- ✓ A school contact name and phone number for the summer (June-August 2017)
- ✓ Please include any educational or social/emotional information about your student that will assist our clinical team in making a student-centered decision to best meet their goals
- ✓ If participation in SOAR is planned to meet your student's extended school year requirements, we will need a copy of their current IEP and a letter of commitment indicating that you would like to secure a three or six week spot and the name of the student.

The SOAR Experience encompasses a child-centered social skills program filled with sensory activities, arts and crafts, supervised field trips, and the opportunity to learn new coping skills while practicing them under the supervision of licensed professionals. We welcome your collaboration and consultation in ensuring your students' full access to an individualized and inclusive program.

Please feel free to call me or email me with any questions you may have in regard to our services. We look forward to working with you this summer!!! Thank you in advance for supporting your students.

Warm Regards,

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