

## Summer 2017 Social Intensive Experience (Camp) Grades 5 - 12 July 10<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> Monday through Friday

**Facilitators:** Pamela Ely, M.S. CCC-SLP and Trevor Taylor, OTR/L

Supported by highly trained graduate and undergraduate students in the field of speech language pathology

**Tuition:** Determined Based on Individual Program Commitment (\$1500/week)

**Students entering grades 5 – 12 are welcome to apply - Limit 12 participants per week**

### Sample Daily Schedule:

- Drop off
- Group meeting: plan of the day
- Morning activity sessions and social cognitive skill building via guided activities
- Lunch
- Afternoon community outing
- Wrap up - planning for the next day

### Focus may be on:

- **Situational Awareness** and impact of behaviors on others and self.
- Use and read facial expressions
- Purposeful eye gaze for “thinking about others”
- Monitor body language (self/others)
- Use of social narrative for connecting with others and expressing oneself clearly and succinctly.
- On-topic conversation:
  - Initiate
  - Maintain
  - Topic switching
  - Pleasantries of conversation
- Take conversational turns
- Speak clearly
  - Rate
  - Tone
  - Volume
  - Articulation
- Self-advocacy
- Identify/appreciate/accept the perspective of another (Theory of Mind)
- **Executive functioning** for social/academic success (Initiation, Attention, Planning, Organization, Task Completion)
- Understanding **sensory** needs

## Therapeutic Content:

The Ely Center, LLC offers a Summer Intensive component that focuses on teaching, reinforcing and supporting each individual student's social cognition using strategies & tools to improve **Social Thinking®**, **executive function**, (including Mindfulness) & **sensory needs** via natural context learning.

The Ely Center, LLC is a speech and language center that focuses on **Social Cognitive Development**. We accomplish this and are qualified to do this based on the following tools and expertise.

**Pragmatic language** is the use of language in context. It falls under the speech and language umbrella. Self regulation, is a feature of social cognition that must be present and well developed for pragmatic language to be functional. The following list highlights the therapeutic cornerstones of our program:

- **Michelle Garcia Winner**, M.S. CCC-SLP, the CA SLP who is most published, highly respected, and with whom my staff and I have trained is the guru of pragmatic language and social cognition or as she has trademarked, **Social Thinking®**. <https://www.socialthinking.com/>
- Our colleague, **Sara Ward**, M.S. CCC-SLP, is a highly trained speech language pathologist, whose expertise focuses on supporting **Executive Function skills**, including the following areas of self-regulation: attention to task completion, emotional development, planning, organizing & the overall ability to be ready to learn. My staff and I have also participated in trainings with Sara and consider her a valued colleague. <https://cognitiveconnectionstherapy.com>
- Our dear friend, **Maryellen Rooney Moreau**, M.S. CCC-SLP, who is the driving force behind the Story Grammar Marker, a tool for developing language organization, has trained the Ely Center Staff in Story Grammar Development and serves as an ongoing consultant to our program. <http://mindwingconcepts.com/story-grammar-marker>
- **Ross Greene's** model for **collaborative problem solving** is used to support students' ability to assess their behavior as it relates to problems that arise. The basic premise of this technique is to note a child's behavior as an observation saying, "I noticed \_\_\_\_\_," and then to ask, "What's up with that?" If the individual can state his/her thoughts on the behavior a discussion begins to map out the behavior, how it made others feel and how the individual feels. These discussions become points of reference for future more positive decision making.
- **The Zones of Regulation** program is a curriculum that supports emotional regulation via a cognitive behavioral approach, developed by Leah Kuypers, MA, OT. [www.zonesofregulation.com](http://www.zonesofregulation.com)
- **The Incredible 5 Point Scale**, developed by **Kari Dunn Buron** is a tool used for identifying social topics by levels of comfort, relating feelings and actions to a number on the scale and building awareness of expected behaviors and reactions. 1 – 3 on the scale is comfortable or manageable and 4 is creeping up to very problematic whereas a 5 is a disaster situation. [www.5pointscale.com](http://www.5pointscale.com)

Although we will offer rolling admissions, please enroll early to assure your child a spot in the program.

For more information or to apply, please see our website [www.elycenter.com](http://www.elycenter.com) or call the office @ 781-400-2605.