This summer, thanks to the support of the Tidewater Scottish Rite Foundation, the Old Dominion University Speech and Hearing Clinic will be offering a Social Skills Group for middle school students. The group will be based on a modified PEERS (Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills) program. The participants will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:00am for 6-weeks beginning June 18th. The total cost of the group is $140.00.

The group is catered to motivated tweens and teens in middle school who are interested in learning ways to help them make and keep friends. During each group session, students are taught important skills and are given the opportunity to practice these skills during socialization and role playing activities. Parents will receive weekly handouts highlighting the skills addressed.

**Your Teen Will Learn How To:**

* Use appropriate conversational skills
* Find common interests by trading information
* Appropriately use humor
* Enter & exit conversations between peers
* Handle rejection, teasing, and bullying
* Handle rumors & gossip
* Be a good host during get-togethers
* Make phone calls to friends
* Choose appropriate friends
* Be a good sport
* Handle arguments & disagreements

**The social skills group may be appropriate for teens with:**

* Autism Spectrum Disorder
* Depression
* ADHD
* Anxiety
* Other social & behavioral disorders

For enrollment information, please contact Chondra Askew by June 7th at 757-683-4122 or email: caskew@odu.edu

*Spaces are limited*