

Family Support

While the children /young adults are having fun, a family support group is offered on-site.

Goals of the Family Support Group:

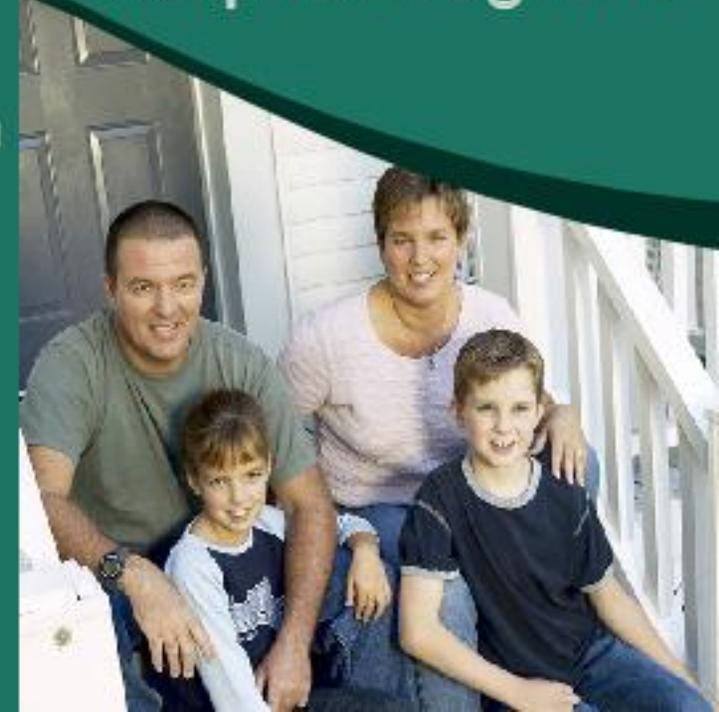
- 1) To provide respite relief
- 2) To create a warm, supportive and sharing community in which "disability is natural"
- 3) To validate emotions and concerns, and share differing parent perspectives
- 4) To provide useful professional information in an accessible, parent-friendly format
- 5) To share proactive and problem solving strategies
- 6) To celebrate successes and create positive visions of life for our children
- 7) To empower parents with confidence and information they need to advocate for their children



Friday Knights II Respite Program

Sponsored by Horry County Disabilities & Special
Needs
and
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Friday Knights II
Recreational Respite Care Program



Mission of Friday Knights II

- ** To provide a safe, supported environment for children who struggle to socialize with other children (mostly those with ASD)**
- ** To provide a setting where children with autism spectrum disorders and other social challenges can experience social success and build friendships.**
- ** To provide a support group for families with children with ASD.**

Organization and Supports

- ** Participants are grouped by their age levels.**
 - ** Most will be independent, but those who may not speak or could have significant behavior challenges will have 1:1 support**
 - ** Group Leaders /Counselor will be responsible for supporting the children in the various activities during the evening.**
 - ** Activity counselors will be planning and carrying out fun social activities in special areas of interest for the different groups.**
- ** One on One (1:1) counselors will be responsible for supporting a specific child.**
- A variety of activities will be rotated throughout the night consisting of a rotating schedule.
- The following is a list of activities:
- Wii games
 - Board games
 - Gross motor activities
 - Art
 - Music
 - Science
 - History
 - TV Game Shows
 - Dance
 - Cooking
 - Home management activities

Who are the Participants

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- * Children and adolescents from the ages of 4-19**
- ** Siblings attend as peer models but we hope to recruit and develop a peer mentoring program in the coming year.**
- ** Some have some challenges in the area of social relating.**
- ** Most have more significant social or communication challenges related to their diagnosis of autism, pervasive developmental disorder or Asperger syndrome**

Goals for the Children

- ** The children will socialize with one another.**
- ** The children will participate in the activities provided and explore new interests.**
- ** The Children will develop friendships.**
- ** The Children will have fun.**

