Neurodivergent Parent Support Services (NDPSS)

Empowering Neurodivergent Families with Knowledge,
Support, and Advocacy Skills



The Rising Navigators (Ages 9–12)

<u> Dates: July 14–17, 2025</u>

<u>Day 1 - Knowing Me (Self-Awareness)</u>

Tweens will dive into emotional literacy and self-understanding, exploring how their brain, body, and emotions interact. Activities include emotion mapping, strength reflection, and identifying personal sensory needs — all framed through a neurodiversity-affirming lens.

<u>Day 2 - Calm in the Chaos (Self-Management)</u>

We'll introduce more complex regulation tools for handling frustration, transitions, and social stress. Participants will create personalized "Regulation & Reset Plans" using visual supports, <u>movement routines, and tools for managing big emotions at school and home.</u>

<u>Day 3 - Walking in Their Shoes (Social Awareness)</u>

Through peer scenarios, small group projects, and games that challenge flexible thinking, tweens will strengthen empathy and cognitive flexibility. Focus areas include navigating peer dynamics, noticing non-verbal communication, and building curiosity about others' perspectives.

<u>Day 4 - Speak Up & Show Up (Relationships + Advocacy)</u>

Tweens will practice healthy assertiveness, consent, and boundary-setting. They'll learn how to express needs without apology, reflect on how to repair relationships, and participate in a group celebration of growth, strengths, and teamwork.

Each day includes:

- **☆** Morning welcome and body check-in
 - Creative reflection activity
- Sensory/social break please bring a snack and lunch
 - Strategy building or group challenge
 - Wrap-up & parent-friendly take-home sheet