Neurodivergent Parent Support Services (NDPSS)

Empowering Neurodivergent Families with Knowledge, Support, and Advocacy Skills



Week 1 – The Bright Explorers (Ages 7–9) Dates: July 7–10, 2025

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

Children will explore their emotions, sensory preferences, and unique strengths through games, storytelling, and body-based activities. They'll begin building an emotional vocabulary, identifying when they feel calm, curious, frustrated, or overwhelmed — and reflect on what helps them feel safe and confident.

Day 2 - Calm in the Chaos (Self-Management)

This day focuses on regulation. Kids will experiment with movement breaks, deep breathing, visuals, and cozy spaces to learn how their body responds to different feelings. Each child will create a visual "regulation toolkit" with strategies they can use in real-world settings.

Day 3 - Walking in Their Shoes (Social Awareness)

Through cooperative games, social stories, and perspective-taking activities, participants will build empathy and practice noticing how others may think or feel differently. The group will also explore fairness, turn-taking, and recognizing social cues.

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

Children will role-play how to ask for help, set simple boundaries, and repair after misunderstandings. They'll create "strengths shields" to celebrate who they are and practice expressing needs in a way that feels safe and empowering.

C Week 2 – The Rising Navigators (Ages 10–12) Dates: July 14–17, 2025

<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.

Day 2 - Calm in the Chaos (Self-Management)

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</u>, <u>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.

Day 4 - Speak Up & Show Up (Relationships + Advocacy)

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

o Please a snack and lunch + sensory/social break

Creative reflection activity

Strategy building or group challenge

Wrap-up & parent-friendly take-home sheet