Different but Not Less
Autism Peer Sensitivity and Educator Enrichment Program

“Different but Not Less” is a community outreach service of The One World Center for Autism, Inc. designed to support students in general education and their educators. Through enrichment activities, students and educators are mentally and emotionally encouraged to become empathetic friends and effective advocates within their school communities.

Here are our Autism Peer Sensitivity and Educator Enrichment program goals for your school community:

- To educate children and youth about autism and to increase their acceptance and understanding of their peers living with autism.
- To educate educational staff about autism and assist them in fostering greater acceptance and inclusion of children and youth in their school setting.
- To promote educational staff awareness of their own emotional needs as they support affected children and youth and to encourage their self-advocacy through partnerships with administration. (It’s ok to ask for help!)

Educators……..

- Do you find your students being excluded by peers because they’re different?
- Ever feel like you need more encouragement and support?
- Do you want to learn how to advocate for your students and yourself through effective partnerships with administration?

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Our mission is to link those living with Autism to their world in an all-embracing manner through family support, individual support and community outreach.

Our vision is to create a world of genuine acceptance where individuals and families living with Autism realize their greatest sense of wellbeing and achieve their highest potential in their community.

Turn over for more information
**For Students!**

**School Community- Wide Assembly-** a 40 minute interactive introduction to Autism for peers of students and students with autism. Students will learn that we all are differently abled through games and a group sensory experience.

**Different, but Not Less! Best Buddy Program-** a series of 5 workshops created to foster greater insight about autism and the importance of building friendships with those who are differently abled. Through discussion, creative arts, relationship building activities and community experiences, peers will acquire greater understanding and acceptance.

**Workshop Details:**

- **What's up with my buddy?**
  Exploring autism, sensory integration, and the unique characteristics of individuals with autism and related special needs.

- **Different, but not less! Discussion time**
  Participate in a round the rug discussion and sharing lead by adolescent and adult siblings of children with autism. This candid discussion will help our peers know they are in good caring company.

- **Express yourself! Reflect through creative arts!**
  Exploring the many feelings that students have about their affected peers. Using creative arts as a constructive way to cope with negative feelings and expand positive ones.
  - Drawing
  - Writing
  - Singing
  - Dancing
  - Acting (a skit)

  We will also include an activity that involves using certain senses to communicate called 'Embrace Me: In the mind of ASD”

- **Let’s be friends: Embrace my world!**
  Exploring the ways we can make a positive impact towards students and encourage acceptance and friendships. This session will include a social time with CRI and general education students at the Sensory Club house.

- **Field Trips: Celebrating the world we created!**
  Inviting the Buddy group and the CRI program to One World Center for Autism headquarters and have a celebration!
  - Community Service Hours for Eligible children/ youth

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**For Educators!**

- “Your next student has autism....Are you ready?”- a 1 hour Autism 101 Workshop for General Educators and Paraprofessionals
- “An Embracing Hand”- a 1 hour Team Building Workshop for Educators
- Classroom Consultations
- Peer Sensitivity Resources

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**For Caregivers!**

Autism Caregiver Resource Kiosk
Student Safety Kits and Resources