

**For the first time ever in Manitoba:
LEGO® SOCIAL SKILLS THERAPY – TRAINING & CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP
Hosted by Asperger Manitoba Inc. (AMI)**

What is the LEGO® Social Skills Program?

LEGO® Social Skills therapy is a proven and effective way for children with social difficulties associated with Autism, Asperger Syndrome, Anxiety, Depression, or ADHD to improve their social interaction and communication skills. LEGO® Therapy was developed over 15 years ago and has been systematically evaluated in research studies showing that it improves social competence in generalized environments. These improvements lead to better outcomes for kids and youth with social communication challenges. LEGO® therapy appeals to both girls and boys, in all age groups including teenagers, just by using age- and interest-appropriate LEGO® sets. In a LEGO® social skills class, kids come together each week to focus on collaborative projects. Your job as a certified Coach is to prompt interaction among the children and help them come up with their own solutions, dividing up tasks so they have joint and interactive jobs to do. Collaboration requires close interaction and communication among group members, naturally reinforcing successful social contact and co-operative behaviour.

For detailed information on the LEGO® Therapy program visit <http://www.asperger-manitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Lego-Social-Skills-Program-poster.pdf>.

Where and when is the LEGO® Social Skills Coach training?

We are extremely fortunate to have one of the co-creators of the LEGO® Social Skills program here in Winnipeg for a limited time. Dr. Daniel Legoff has offered to personally train a group of LEGO® Social Skills Coaches through this workshop hosted by AMI. This will be the first, and possibly only time this training will be available in Manitoba.

The training and certification workshop will be held from 8:30 – 4:30 on April 13 & 14, 2013 at St. Amant Centre (440 River Road) in Winnipeg. You must attend both days in full to receive your certification.

Who can attend the LEGO® Social Skills Coach certification workshop?

This certification is open to both those who are interested in volunteering for AMI's LEGO® Social Skills group, and those who are looking to be certified for external parties. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, a Resource Teacher or Educational Assistant, or an OT, SLP or Psychologist, you can register to attend the training session hosted by AMI and become a certified LEGO® Social Skills Coach.

Is there a cost for the workshop?

If you are willing to volunteer as a LEGO® Coach with AMI, you can attend the workshop and receive your certification for free. Otherwise, the registration fee is as follows:

- Parent or Individual community member (except those volunteering for AMI): \$40
- Para-Professional (Educational Assistant, etc.) \$50

- Professional (Teacher, Psychologist, OT, SLP) \$100

Please note that Dr. Legoff is offering this training at a fraction of the regular cost. The registration cost includes training, certification, and a copy of the LEGO® Social Skills manual. Refreshments and lunch are not included, but are available at a low cost from the St. Amant cafeteria.

How do I get more information, or register for the workshop?

Send your questions or request to register via email to info@asperger-manitoba.ca. Space is limited to 20 participants.