

# Special Needs Forum Group

The purpose of this group is to provide support and resources for programs and staff that are making an effort to support children with special needs.

- Get answers to your questions! – We all have to make challenging decisions about what is best for the children and families that utilize our programs. Come & share some of the current challenges you are facing. You may discover that several of the people in the group have experienced similar challenges in the past or are currently working through the same thing.
- Improve your program! – The group has proven to be a great resource for programs that want to improve, develop, or refine how they serve children with special needs.
- Share challenges, highlights, questions, and concerns about your own program.
- Attend meetings as you wish. There is no long-term commitment. We have a core group that attends all of the meetings, but many people attend periodically when they want to bounce ideas off the group or are in need of resource support.

Meetings are scheduled for 9:30-11:30 AM at two locations:

Adventures Plus conference room

13735 Round Lake Blvd., Andover, MN 55304 (located in the strip mall by McDonalds)

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## Meeting dates & Topics for 2010/2011 School Year

Wednesday, September 21, 2011	Topic: Determining staffing/ratio needs
Wednesday, October 19, 2011	Topic: Suspensions, terminations, day-ends
Wednesday, November 16, 2011	Topic: Medications
Wednesday, December 21, 2011	Topic: Praise vs. encouragement
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	Topic: Bullying
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Topic: Teaching empathy
Wednesday, March 21, 2012	Topic: TBD
Wednesday, April 25, 2012	Topic: TBD
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 (Joint breakfast meeting between North & South groups)	Topic: Summer preparation