## Friendly Facts: program to help children explore the complexities of friendship

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For children with ASD, making and keeping friends is often not a simple process. These children need to be intentionally taught in developmentally appropriate, respectful and supportive environments how to be a friend and how to make and keep friends. This presentation focuses on children ages 7-11, a period when friendships become increasingly complex and a lack of peer acceptance is all the more obvious and challenging. Through a variety of educational activities that appeal to different learning styles, children are scaffolded in their learning about making and keeping friends.

**Type: Hands-On Interactive** 

Level: Intermediate