



Children and Youth Programs

OUR MISSION

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation creates opportunities and programs to educate individuals with autism through proven interventions to increase independence, encourage meaningful lifelong pursuits, and enrich the community at large.

Tiny Pointers Early Childhood Education Program

According to the CDC, 1 in 31 children is diagnosed with autism. Bridging gaps in early autism detection and support, Tiny Pointers programs ensure children receive timely, effective services that may significantly improve developmental outcomes.

Autism Screenings (ages 0-5)

Autism screening aids early identification of developmental differences, which helps families increase access to tailored support, social interaction, and adaptive skills. To learn more about free, interview-based online screenings, visit us online.

Early Childhood Education (ages 3-4)

An ISBE-approved therapeutic early childhood classroom within the Turning Pointe Day school. Preschool students are referred by their local school district. *Not open admission.*

Turning Pointe Children and Youth (ages 5-22)

Turning Pointe Day School is an ISBE-approved therapeutic day school for children with autism (ages 5-22, max 50 students)

- Interdisciplinary teams offer customized, appropriate educational accommodations and evidence-based therapeutic interventions, including ABA, occupational therapy, social work, and speech therapy.
- Extended school year format includes a summer session, promoting year-round growth and mitigating regression.
- Day school students are referred by their local school district. *Not open admission.*

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

Open Play (ages 5-12)

A playgroup for children with autism to explore, connect, and be themselves in an autism-designed space, including an OT gym and sensory rooms. Activities promote engagement, sharing, and attention, as well as help learn social cues, express emotions, and build relationships with peers. Siblings welcome.

Note: Parents/guardians must remain on-site and are responsible for their children at all times.

Teen Hangouts

A chance for teens on the spectrum to enjoy fun activities while connecting with others in a welcoming social environment. Currently offered monthly at Turning Pointe in Naperville and in partnership with Schaumburg Township District Library. Register with Turning Pointe or Schaumburg Library. Cost typically \$10.

Sibling Support Groups

Autism affects the entire family. Sibling groups offer safe spaces to share the challenges and joys of having a loved one with autism. Six-week cohorts run throughout the year based on participation.

To register or learn more about children/youth programs, contact:

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