

Are you the parent of a child who is affected by autism?

We invite you and your family to share, learn & get social at

Essential Pieces

Essential Pieces is a structured educational group for parents & professionals caring for children with autism. It was created by Emily Thomas & Cassie Phipps in Winchester, VA, with the support of Lutheran Family Services of Virginia. Parents who take part in this program tell us that it has made a profound difference in their day-to-day lives. Essential Pieces is expanding to Richmond, and it is our pleasure to bring this **FREE** program to the Richmond area to support the children and families who live with ASD.

We are excited to invite children and families of children living with Autism Spectrum Disorders to Essential Pieces. Please plan for the whole family to attend!

- Parents attend their own group with other parents and professionals.
- Children with ASD and their siblings can attend structured social groups that are sensitive to the needs of your children.
- Essential Pieces is **FREE** and open to the community. It is a fully volunteer/intern effort.
- The program is facilitated by trained Behavior Treatment Services staff and volunteers.

Joining is easy! Parents are not required to pre-register; attend all EP sessions or just the ones you want. Pre-registration *is required* for all children with ASD and their siblings so that we can make sure that there are plenty of staff and volunteers on hand.

To register or for more information, call Hollie Stephens, EP Coordinator, at 804.288.0122. Space is limited, so please sign up soon. For weekly updates, resources and to connect with other families and professionals, visit our Facebook page: Essential Pieces, Richmond, VA.

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