

Synchrony of Visalia, Inc.



About Synchrony of Visalia, Inc.

Synchrony of Visalia, Inc. is a Not-for-Profit mental health counseling and education center.

Synchrony of Visalia, Inc. is an organization that mentors individuals, couples and families, and promotes healthy attachment, parenting excellence and community wellness. This is accomplished through assessment, counseling, education, and therapy.

We are committed to reaching out and providing mental health and educational services. We strive to maintain a creative, diverse, honest and rewarding environment that models wholeness and accountability.

As part of Synchrony, F.R.E.E. provides parenting classes throughout Tulare County that focuses on improving the relationships between parent and child. The program uses both Parents Helping Parents and 24/7 Dad parent training curriculums that promote a positive supportive environment, and team building.

Parenting classes offered in English & Spanish

Please contact us for a schedule of parenting classes available in your area, (559) 622-1853 or via-email:

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For Parents of
Children with
Asperger's

"Strong families create strong communities"



Meetings start in AUGUST
Tuesdays, 12:00-2:00 p.m.



Asperger's

Asperger's Syndrome is a life-long developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. It is thought to be the result of a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain. Some of the symptoms are the fascination with objects rather than people, resistance to physical contact, decreased empathy, deficit in imitation, and odd or repetitive body movements.

This disorder makes it exceptionally difficult for individuals to communicate with others and relate to the outside world.

Asperger's Program

This 8-week program will give the latest information and will provide tools and inspiration for parents dealing with children with Asperger's Syndrome.

Purpose of the Group:

1. Information
2. Support
3. Insight
4. Inspiration

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\$35.00 per class

Topics

- Session 1:** Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorders, and Co-morbid Disorders. The grief Cycle, wishes, and guilt. Focusing on the positive. There is hope.
- Session 2:** Approaches and strategies. Meeting your child's needs. Resources.
- Session 3:** Nutrition specific for Asperger's Syndrome. Resources.
- Session 4:** Navigating the systems. Advocacy , IEP, OT, PT.
- Session 5:** Family members.
- Session 6:** Sexuality.
- Session 7 :** Bullying is a two-way street.
- Session 8:** Asperger's as a culture

Goals:

1. To understand better what is Asperger's Syndrome
2. To learn effective ways of communicating with your child
3. To create a support group in the community

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Khalil Gibran, The Prophet, 1923

Brief Biography

Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, MOB, PsyD. is a clinical psychologist with Synchrony of Visalia, Inc. and the Assistant Director of the Office of Professional Training at Alliant International University. He received his Masters in Organizational Behavior and his Doctorate in Psychology with an emphasis in Cross Cultural Psychology and a concentration in Neuro-Psychology from Alliant International University (formerly the California School of Professional Psychology). His post doctoral studies include infant and preschool mental health and over the past six years he has specialized in the diagnosing and successful treatment of infants, preschoolers and children with Autism and Asperger's Disorder. He is often called on as an expert witness in Court.

As a Cross Cultural Psychologist, Dr. Ortiz-Nance incorporates a diversity of intervention methods during treatment. One of his areas of interest involves workplace issues such as issues of diversity, stress management, relaxation and orchestrating change in the workplace. As a practitioner of Qi Gong, an ancient Chinese system of movements used to balance the life force (Qi or Chi). Dr. Ortiz-Nance has been successful by teaching Qi Gong to others in aiding in the management of anxiety, stress, depression, pain management and sleep disorders.

