

Parents, this is a program offered for you that might be of interest....



“Research has shown that academic achievement of gifted and talented students has improved when parents attend SENG Discussion Group”

Dr. James Webb

The SENG (Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted) Parent Group is for parents of gifted, talented, and creative children of all ages. Five sessions will be presented, each covering two topics. The series is based on the book, *A Parent's Guide To Gifted Children*, and is designed to increase understanding of the social and emotional needs of gifted children and their families.

Particular emphasis is placed on practical techniques and skills that have “take home value.” Parents of gifted children meet in a small group with the facilitators to discuss parenting issues, characteristics of these children, and decisions that need to be made. Parents obtain information and have opportunities to share advice and swap parenting recipes. Parents with children of all ages are welcome. Your children do not need to be going to Summer Academy for you to be able to attend this group. The group facilitators are Patrick Dallas, MSE, who is a school psychologist in the Centennial School District and Mary Carlson Pap, MEd emphasis in counseling gifted, and who is a gifted consultant. Both Patrick and Mary have worked in pre-school through high school setting. Both facilitators have led many SENG groups together for Summer Academy and for individual school districts.



Some reflections from past discussion group participants:

It was encouraging to know I am not alone when dealing with this special type of child.

I have applied some of the pointers and am encouraged by the results. I got some ideas that I already put to use. It was a very positive experience.

Our discussions have provided an enormous amount of practical help, encouragement and source of advice.

I was pleased to see that some of the same concerns we were facing with in our family weren't particular to us and the way we were dealing with it was confirmed. I came away feeling like I had accomplished a lot.

2012 SENG Group Discussion

Dates: June 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22
Time: 8:15 – 11:30 a.m. (two 90-minute sessions with a 15-minute break
between the two sessions)
Location: Columbia Heights High School Media Center

Topics for the SENG Discussion Group (two covered each day)

Characteristics of Gifted Children – June 18
Communication: The Key To Relationships – June 18
Motivation, Enthusiasm, and Underachievement – June 19
Discipline and Self-Management – June 19
Intensity, Perfectionism, and Stress – June 20
Idealism, Unhappiness, and Depression – June 20
Acquaintances, Friends, and Peers – June 21
Siblings and Only Children – June 21
Values, Traditions, and Uniqueness – June 22
Complexities of Successful Parenting – June 22
Note: It is good to attend all sessions if possible.

Registration Form – SENG Parent Discussion Group

Enrollment is limited and is on a first come/first serve basis. Fifteen participants will be the maximum enrollment. The course fee of \$225.00 includes the five-session series (covering ten topics), snacks and the book *A Parent's Guide To Gifted Children* by Webb, Gore, Amend, and DeVries. The book will be mailed to you in advance. If you have any questions or are in need of daycare services during the group, please call Patrick Dallas at 763-792-5412. On-site childcare services will be provided if enough parents express interest. The cost of childcare is \$15.00 per day, plus an additional \$10.00 for each additional child. Please note on your registration if you are interested in childcare and I will contact you in advance if it will be available.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Interested in childcare: yes ___ no ___

Age of child(ren) _____ fee does not have to be paid in advance

Please make checks payable to **Patrick Dallas** and mail to:

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