

Act Up!

At *Act Up!* we pair a theatrically trained professional actor with a speech-language pathologist to help your child address his or her speech and language goals in a unique way. The professional actor runs the class like a typical acting class, while the therapist ensures that each student's speech and language needs are addressed. Students develop acting skills through traditional theatre games and improvisational scene study while simultaneously addressing essential skills needed for personal success, including:

- Language Comprehension/Expression
- Verbal and Nonverbal Pragmatic Skills
- Speech Skills/Articulation
- Self-Confidence
- Social skills
- Attention
- Flexible Thinking
- Problem Solving/Reasoning
- Perspective Taking

During the class student actors are intermittently videotaped and provided the opportunity to watch themselves during "Dailies." Actors are also instructed on being a cameraman and director, which allows them to critically observe social interactions from a novel perspective. Increasing a child's awareness and perspective of different roles, whether as actor, director, or cameraman, ultimately improves their skill at identifying and interpreting the subtle social behaviors of others.

We are eager for our kids to have the opportunity to participate in a typical class where support is provided that addresses each child's individual needs. Our primary goal is for each child to have fun and make friends while enhancing speech and language skills in an indirect and typical way.

While we know not everyone can come to every session, commitment is necessary to maintain consistency of the group dynamic. Our actors build relationships with their fellow thespians and are eager to build their acting skills together. Given this need for consistency, we allow for only two advanced-notice or emergency cancelations.

Tuition: \$100.00 per session

For more information on *Act Up!*, call *Maureen* at (310) 954-9740.