OUR GROUP PROGRAMMING

At The Talcott Center for Child Development, we strongly believe that each child deserves a place where they can feel free and open to be themselves, as well as be seen for the unique individuals they are. We strive to provide an environment where your child can feel supported, believed in, and empowered.

Our center provides a wide range of group-based programs designed to inspire your child!
Facilitated by our team of therapists, our group programs maintain a small client to clinician ratio. We offer a multi-disciplinary approach that allows each child to receive the support necessary for them to grow and flourish. Group programs are offered throughout the week including Saturday.

Therapeutic Group Programs include:

- ★ Interest-based Social Groups
- Thematic Play Group
- ★ The Talcott Theater
- ★ We Thinkers! Social Explorer Program
- ★ Creative Minds
- 🖊 Early Childhood Play Group







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We understand that summer can be difficult for many children. Our team of therapists provides specialized programming that is conducive to supporting each child's specific needs.

ABOUT OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS

For our peer-based programming, the daily rhythm includes structured activities based around each session's theme such as cooperative games that teach social concepts, crafts, scavenger hunts, songs, stories, and science investigations.

In addition to the structured activities of the day, time for natural social interactions, such as stopping to play games, is integrated into the schedule. We believe wholeheartedly that both structured activities and unstructured play are needed to help children learn the therapeutic skills they need and then generalize those skills to an unstructured setting. Our therapeutic summer program will be facilitated by occupational therapists and speech language clinicians to provide comprehensive intervention throughout group activities.

This year, our summer program will be divided into four, 2-week sessions in addition to summer kickoff week.

For our younger clients, sessions 2 & 3 will offer a half-day morning option. This will allow them to experience the fun of community and social play-based learning through an immersive summer program experience.

WEEKLY THEMES

Summer Kickoff

A classic camp experience to start your summer off right! Every day is filled with exciting, themed activities and opportunities for choice. A fantastic way to jump into summer!

June 19th - June 23rd

Nature

Explore the world of land and sea! Grab your backpacks and binoculars; week one we are going to explore all that our environment has to offer. We will be discovering, uncovering, and planting some fun. During week two, clients will dive into the amazing world of marine life. Join in for hands-on exploration as we learn about fish, creatures, and other life under the sea.

June 26th - July 7th

Science

From Earth to outer space! Week one will focus on conducting hands-on experiments connecting real-world materials with scientific principles. Clients will learn about the elements, make their own slime recipes, and mix eruptions! Week two focuses on life in outer space! From Earth to the outer planets, we explore the physics of space, how astronauts live in, and launch rockets!

July 10th - July 21st

Sports

Sports session provides a fun and exciting sports experience for your child. They'll be introduced to a variety of sports as well as learn skills such as balance, attention, following directions, rules of playing games, cooperation, sharing, teamwork, and basic sports skills!

July 24th - August 4th

Superheroes & Fairytales

Join in as we head out on storytelling adventures of our favorite characters! From classic fairytales to modern superheroes, your child will be immersed in the land of make-believe.

August 7th - August 18th

FINAL THOUGHTS

All clients must be able to work independently within a 3:1 client to staff ratio. In addition, they must not have any significant behaviors that interfere with the safety of themselves and/or others (i.e., aggression, self-injurious behavior, elopement, etc.) – these children may be referred for **Behavioral Support** Services.

The Talcott Center for Child Development is our son's home away from home.