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# It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Teaching Friendship Skills to Children

*A workshop for parents, teachers, and administrators of grades K-12*

*Presented by*

**Richard D.  
Lavoie**

*Internationally acclaimed speaker  
Executive Producer for the award win-  
ning video "The F.A.T. City Workshop"*

*Choose any of these one-day workshops  
from the following dates and locations:*

**Woodbridge**

Monday, December 1, 2003

**Saddle Brook**

Tuesday, December 2, 2003

**Mount Laurel**

Wednesday, December 3, 2003

**Program Schedule:**

All seminars are scheduled  
8:30 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.  
Registration is at 8:00 A.M.



## Learn Practical Strategies For:

- Developing and fostering friendship/social skills in the classroom, the homefront, and the community
- Moving the child from "picked on and isolated" to "accepted and involved"

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# Program Highlights:

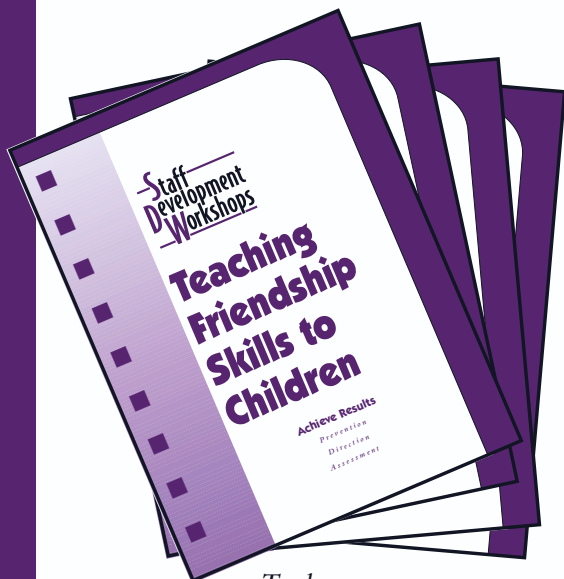
**Gain** tips, techniques, and tricks to foster friendship skills

**Learn** the factors which impact upon the development of peer interaction skills

**Identify** four areas of paralinguistics and their impact on social skills development

**Understand** the concept of “social contracts” and its role in social acceptance

**Take** home strategies that you can use instantly



*Teacher resources will be on display.*

## Plus specific techniques for:

- managing impulsive behavior
- understanding social cues
- making effective and appropriate social overtures
- developing sensitivity to positive and negative social feedback during interactions
- compensating for social errors and repairing resultant damage
- discerning, reinforcing, and responding to another person's feelings
- foreseeing social consequences
- using social contracts
- “reading” social situations and adapting behavior accordingly
- settling disagreements peacefully
- improving social memory
- becoming responsive to and reinforcing the social initiatives of others

**Develop traits and skills that are appealing to peers**

**Establish and maintain friendships**

## Special Benefits of Attending

- Receive a handbook containing strategies for enhancing social/ friendship skills
- Learn about many available teacher resources
- Meet continuing education requirements
- Opportunities for questions... and answers

# Achieve these results:

## Prevention:

- Prevent students from being isolated and excluded by their peers
- Recognize the interplay between anxiety and the development of social skills
- Find out how learning disabilities can impact on a child's success in the social arena

## Direction:

- Gain classroom tips for fostering friendships
- Create a classroom environment to enhance social acceptance and develop childhood friendships
- Teach the "Hidden Curriculum" so that students know exactly what to do to improve their social skills
- Learn effective uses of expressive and receptive language in a social setting
- Respond and react appropriately and effectively when the daily performance of students vary from day to day

## Assessment:

- Assist students in goal setting and continually re-establish new goals
- Reward successive approximations

## Here is some feedback from Rick's workshops:

*"For the first time, I now understand my role in fostering motivation in my kids. For years, I expected my students to enter my class with a motivation to learn from me. I now recognize that they don't come with 'batteries included'. It's my job to get them and keep them motivated. Rick's methods will help me immeasurably."*

*"Rick's experience, wisdom, and sensitivity are gifts that he shares with us. This seminar was five hours long and I could have stayed for another five."*

*"Such a thrill to hear Rick in person after using his videos for years. I have never enjoyed a professional seminar more."*

### Quotes from leaders and experts:

*"I was so moved by your presentation and would love to think that every teacher and parent in America could see it too!... You really wowed us."*

*Mrs. Barbara Bush, Former First lady*

*"There is no one better than Rick Lavoie at raising awareness and providing insight into children's learning"*

*Laurence M. Lieberman,  
Author: Preventing Special Education for Those Who Don't Need It*

*"Audiences leave Rick's presentations feeling entertained, energized, refreshed, eager for more, and, most importantly, content that they finally understand".*

*Corrine Roth-Smith,  
Author: Learning Disabilities: The interaction of Learner, Task, and Setting*

## About the presenter:



**Rick Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.** has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. Rick was Director of the Riverview School in Massachusetts from 1990-2001. This experience provided Rick with a "living laboratory" in which he developed and refined his methods and philosophies related to the education of adolescents with special needs.

Mr. Lavoie has lectured at numerous universities including Syracuse, Harvard, Gallaudet, Manhattanville College, University of Alabama, and Georgetown. His numerous television appearances include CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, Disney Channel Presents, and PBS's Misunderstood Minds.

Rick has served as a consultant on learning disabilities to several agencies and organizations including Public Broadcasting Service, New York Times, National Center for Learning Disabilities, Girl Scouts of America, Child Magazine, and WETA. He is a past member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Learning Disabilities Association.

Rick's message has been delivered to over 500,000 parents and professionals throughout North America. He has the distinction of having delivered Keynote addresses for all three of the major special needs advocacy organizations in the United States (Learning Disabilities Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Children With Attention Deficit Disorder).

Rick is probably best known for his videos, "How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop", "Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities," and "When the Chips are Down: Behavior Management Strategies for Children With Learning Disabilities". These award winning videos have brought Rick's sensitive and compelling messages to countless thousands throughout the world.

Rick lives on Cape Cod with his wife and daughter.

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# Richard D. Lavoie

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- **CANCELLATIONS** one week prior to the workshop date, will be refunded less a \$15.00 cancellation fee. Later cancellations will receive credit towards an upcoming workshop. Substitutions are allowed at any time.  
  
If workshop is cancelled due to inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled. Refunds will not be granted, but we will issue credit towards a future workshop.
- **PAYMENT** is due prior to the workshop. Fee includes seminar registration, a personalized certificate of attendance, refreshments, and a resource handbook. On-site registration is available, if space allows. Please call ahead to check on space availability.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 Registration, Refreshments  
8:30-3:00 Workshop (*lunch on your own*)

### MEETING SITES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

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