

What are parents saying about the Kindergarten Connections Program?

Highlights from the 2016-2017 Kindergarten Connections Parent Survey

- 26 parents completed the survey
- 96% of the parents agreed that positive change or growth was noticed in their child since receiving social work services.
- 96% of the parents indicated that they were satisfied with the interventions and plan that was developed for their child's needs.
- Parents described specifically the positive changes that have been observed. Some responses included:
 - "Happier"
 - "Plays better with other children and in groups"
 - "More smiling, less issues in class and more talkative."
 - "He still has a ways to go, but I've noticed him showing more feelings."
 - "My child is talking more about her problems instead of acting out in a negative behavior."
 - "My child was taught techniques that he continues to follow through to help him calm down when he should. My child has also improved socially as well as academically."
 - "Social settings are easier for him. He's not as disruptive as he was and he is more confident in himself."
 - "He's generally a little more calmer now and not so anxious, he's learning to be a little more patient."
 - "My son has been more willing to be with other people besides my husband and I these past couple of months. When he is nervous about something that is going to happen he openly lets us know and we work through it. Having tools in his box is very helpful also because he has tools he needs to help him work through his sadness."

Positive Feedback From Parents

- "My granddaughter was having issues and uncooperative. With the wonderful social workers, Ms. Grceski and Mrs. Larkin, we've had a 100% change in her attitude, learning, caring, and getting along with others. It's a miracle. They are a God-send. Please allow their continued wonderful work at Lathers."
- "Very helpful and provided my child with someone outside of home to talk to and observe."
- "They offered solutions to help solve the issues instead of just complaining."
- "Always concerned about my child's attitude."
- "Ms. Grceski was very patient and understanding. She had lots of helpful ideas to help my son adjust to some life changes."
- "My daughter is now proud of herself for her smiley face chart and is working on learning self control and boundaries. Thank you again for all of your help."
- "Mrs. Larkin is the nicest and always helps our family."
- "I was always able to get a hold of Mrs. Larkin and that's appreciated. She took the time to take as much time as needed when I had questions/concerns."
- "Ms. Grceski has gone above and beyond to help my family. We appreciate it more than you will ever know."
- "We are very pleased with our son's progress. Thank you for all your help and spending time with him."
- "They've helped my child quite a bit. They have taught him many things that he continues to follow through with. For example, he understands personal space, he understands how to deal with certain situations. They taught him multiple techniques to use in many different situations. Whether it be someone being mean to him or when its time to quiet down etc. I'm pleased and thankful of how great the social workers are as well as the principal and definitely Mrs. Davidson."
- "We have worked mostly with Ms.Grceski, she is a very positive influence on our daughter and our family..our daughter has come a long way since September still has a few hiccups but as in over all the social workers being at the school has had a great impact on children and our families life I don't know

how I would of gotten through our first year without it..plus she's also referred us to starfish outside counseling services that help us as well..great program all around..”