

About Us and Our Philosophy

The Meeting House has been providing social and emotional development experiences for children and young adults in innovative ways for more than a decade. As a result, our professionals have harmonized a blend of recreation and therapeutic support to meet the SEL goals for each child while they have fun building friendship and community in their lives. Over the years, our work has deepened, and The Meeting House is now known as a pioneer in the industry. As part of our philosophy, we practice what we preach to maximize the best practices that impact student development and growth. Year after year, this has made our program more robust and facilitated life changing relationships for students, parents and in our professional community.



Fun, Safe and Supportive

Our secret to engaging kids is to weave aspects of therapy into the fun of our recreational group activities. The Meeting House programs are designed to enhance a child's social skills, artistic and emotional intelligence in a gentle and encouraging environment filled with fun and enriching experiences for kids.

For Kids that means

- Being at a fun place to hang out and learn with friends
- Enhancing interests and building expertise in favorite activities
- Exploring new areas of interest and ability.

For Parents that means

- Peace of mind under one roof.
- Recreational programs blended with therapeutic enrichment that will appeal to your children.
- Multiple and integrated resources in one location.

Community and Friendship

We work to develop confidence and self-esteem for our kids in the context of a diverse community of children and professional encouragement. Our program experience is designed to facilitate the creation of relationships in new social circles. Key to our philosophy is creating a special place for children to explore new friendships outside of the school setting. We strive to provide a smaller and gentler social environment where children can exercise the variety of skills they are developing as part of a community they might not find elsewhere.



We are Partners

We offer a wide range of educational and clinical consulting sessions. **Our professional team of therapists are available to work directly with families in a customized and personalized approach.** We offer a wide range of educational and clinical consulting sessions in partnership with our respected professional team. This includes school visits, interdisciplinary team meetings, school emergent programs, and family counseling.

Contact Information and Emergencies

Our Administrator, Olga Daniel, can be reached by mobile phone at (917) 951-1509 or email at administrator@tmhsel.org or odaniel@tmhsel.org.

Family Information on Policies and Procedures

Following is important information regarding basic policies and procedures in place for children enrolled at The Meeting House. Please inform us if you have any general concerns you wish to share about your child. If there are any specific daily issues regarding your child, please advise the program Administrator upon your arrival that day. We want to ensure that your child feels safe, comfortable and happy while at The Meeting House.

Free Consultation

New parents receive a complementary consultation with a social worker as part of our intake process. Our professionals determine which group is the best fit for your child.

Getting Ready for The Meeting House (IN-PERSON)

Prior to the start date, the complete registration packet must be returned for your child to attend – including vaccination forms.

Semesters and Pricing

The school year is divided into 2 semesters: Fall and Spring. In person meetings are 90 minutes long and are billed by the semester. In the event a class cannot be held in person due to unforeseen circumstances, class will be held on Zoom. If a class is canceled, credit for future tuition or a refund will be issued.

Enrollment and Billing

The Meeting House offers open enrollment during the semester. Tuition payment or an installment agreement is due upon enrollment. For early enrollment, a \$100 nonrefundable deposit (will be applied toward tuition) is required. Withdrawals during the semester will be considered on an individual basis and are subject to administrative fees.

Attendance

Consistent attendance is expected and essential for creating community and friendship development. Please extend the courtesy of letting us know if you plan to miss a meeting.

Drop Off and Pick-up

We are located at 133 East 58th Street. Please let our Administrator know in advance if there will be any changes to the drop off or pick up schedule. We have a waiting room located in Suite 705, which is right down the hall from the Meeting House space.

Snacks and Meals

The Meeting House is a Nut-Free-Environment due to the high number of children having sensitivities. Snacks will be provided daily. If your child has special alerts, allergies or issues with food please send him/her with a snack to assure that there is something he/she/they will be able to eat.

Sample Schedule

- Game Lab/Homework and Hangout – An opportunity to engage in open ended play facilitated by Meeting House professionals.
- Mchat – We know students come to us with a lot on their plate before a session. During this portion of the program students are encouraged to mindfully check-in and enter the space.
- Kite Club – Each class focuses on a specific SEL skill and builds upon the curriculum of previous weeks.
- Electives – These include Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Media Arts, Cooking, Yoga and Meditation.
- Field Trips – Excursions such as meals, museums, scavenger hunts and other enrichment activities to practice skills learned in the classroom.

Communication with the Staff

Our tuition includes one 15-minute check-in after 3 weeks of enrollment, and one 30-minute end-of-semester review. These can be scheduled on our website at Contact Us > Schedule A Call. Additional services are available at a per diem rate and can be scheduled through our website at What We Do > Professional Consultation > Social Work Services.

Parents will receive regular communication on curriculum updates and student progress.

Health and Safety

Please do not bring your child to the program if he/she/they are ill, has missed school due to illness that day or looks, acts or feels ill after school hours. Children who have been ill must be both fever and symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducers such as Tylenol or Motrin. Children who become ill at the program will need to be picked up as soon as possible. Please be considerate of children and others at The Meeting House so that our community stays healthy. Call the Administrator at (917) 951-1509 if your child will be absent on a day on which he/she/they are scheduled to attend.

Accidents or Injuries

The Meeting House is committed to the safety of your child. On occasion it is expected that children at play will have a minor accident, which may result in injury. First aid will be administered as necessary, and your child will be cared for. This includes minor injuries such as a scratch, cut, bruise or bump. The Meeting House will be equipped with first aid kits and will use only what is necessary to maintain health and safety. Parents/caregivers listed on registration forms will be called immediately if the situation warrants.