

Matchmaking for the Socially Challenged



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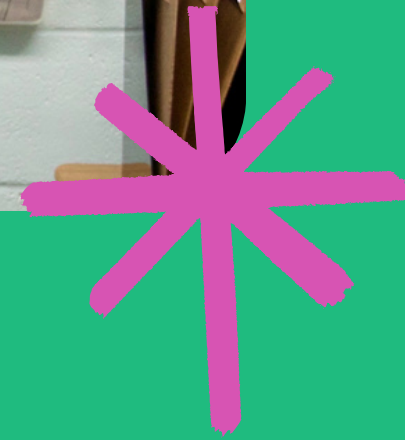
About the *Founder*



Jill Schieber is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Autism Spectrum Disorder Specialist and has trained in matchmaking. She has worked in the field as a Social Worker for 35 years.

Having worked extensively with individuals and families of neurodivergent and developmentally delayed adult children for 25 years, it became apparent that making friends and finding romantic partners was especially hard for these individuals.





About the *Speaker*

- Kim Miller is a Certified School Counselor and Work Based Learning Coordinator
- Worked for 9 years with youth in the Juvenile Justice System before transferring to work as a School Counselor in the Special Education System
- 7 years Specializing in Vocational Experiences and Transition Services
- Has presented on transition related topics and post-secondary pathways in over 600 classrooms across New York



Overview



What you'll learn in this workshop:

- Our mission and why this organization was started
- Types of Services we provide
- Social skills that you can begin to address now to prepare your young adult for fostering positive relationships in the future
- Become a part of the transition process
- How to connect to us
- Q&A

Our Mission

Our goal is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to connect, form meaningful relationships, and find love and friendship, regardless of any obstacles they may face.

Our dedicated team provides expert coaching and customized matchmaking services. We aim to help your child find their perfect match; whether it be romantic, or platonic. We genuinely believe that with our guidance and support, everyone has the potential to cultivate lasting relationships that enrich their life.

Matching individuals for friendship or romantic relationships is a hands-on approach.

We provide individual coaching throughout the process.



Transition Planning (and where we fall short)

01

Transition Assessments

- Required as part of transition planning by age 16 at the latest
- Include Level 1 Assessments, Career Interest Inventories, self determination assessments, etc.

02

Transition Planning

- Establish Measurable post-secondary goals
- Related Instruction
- Transition services/activities- vocational counseling, career exploration activities, worksites, travel training, etc.
- Related Services

03

Linkage to Outside Services

- SSI/Medicaid
- Post-secondary ed/training programs
- OPWDD/ACCES-VR
- DOL
- Guardianship
- Transportation
- Non driver ID
- Selective Service

“Connection is why we are here; it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives” –Brene Brown



What to Expect when Connecting to our Organization



Every client will sign up online

Everyone who signs up will go through a background check before being approved for matchmaking services

“Get to Know you” Meeting with Jill

Interests, parent inventory, relationship expectations, personality and values assessment

Assigned a Relationship Coach

After an initial meeting with the relationship coach, the coach will develop an individualized plan



What to Expect when Connecting to our Organization




PLEASE NOTE...

- We start by matching people with friendships and then we progress to romantic matches
- Currently 18 and over, but the company is exploring the possibility of friendship matches for youth under 18.

Things to come:

We are currently in the NY Metro area but we are exploring a platform for online matches and matches for youth (under 18) looking for friendships



Skills for Forming Meaningful Connections



Communication Skills

Practice and engage in active listening, reciprocal conversation, offering and accepting compliments, conversation starters, communicating interests, values and goals, asking and answering open ended questions, overall social pragmatics, avoiding perseverating on personal interests/monopolizing conversations

Empathy

Empathetic listening and the ability to see things from the perspective of others

Body language

Understanding of body language, expressions (smile often), and nonverbal cues

Social Nuances

Understanding sarcasm/jokes, appropriate/inappropriate language and behavior in various settings, being considerate and polite, overall social etiquette/good manners, show an interest in others, use people's names when speaking to them (demonstrates an interest), show vulnerability (when appropriate) and be authentic, be reliable, time management/punctual

Boundaries

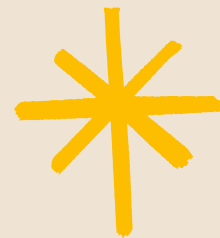
Understanding and respecting the boundaries of others, establishing personal boundaries, self advocating

Call to Action

Get Involved and get Connected!



**Take an Active Role In
Transition Planning**



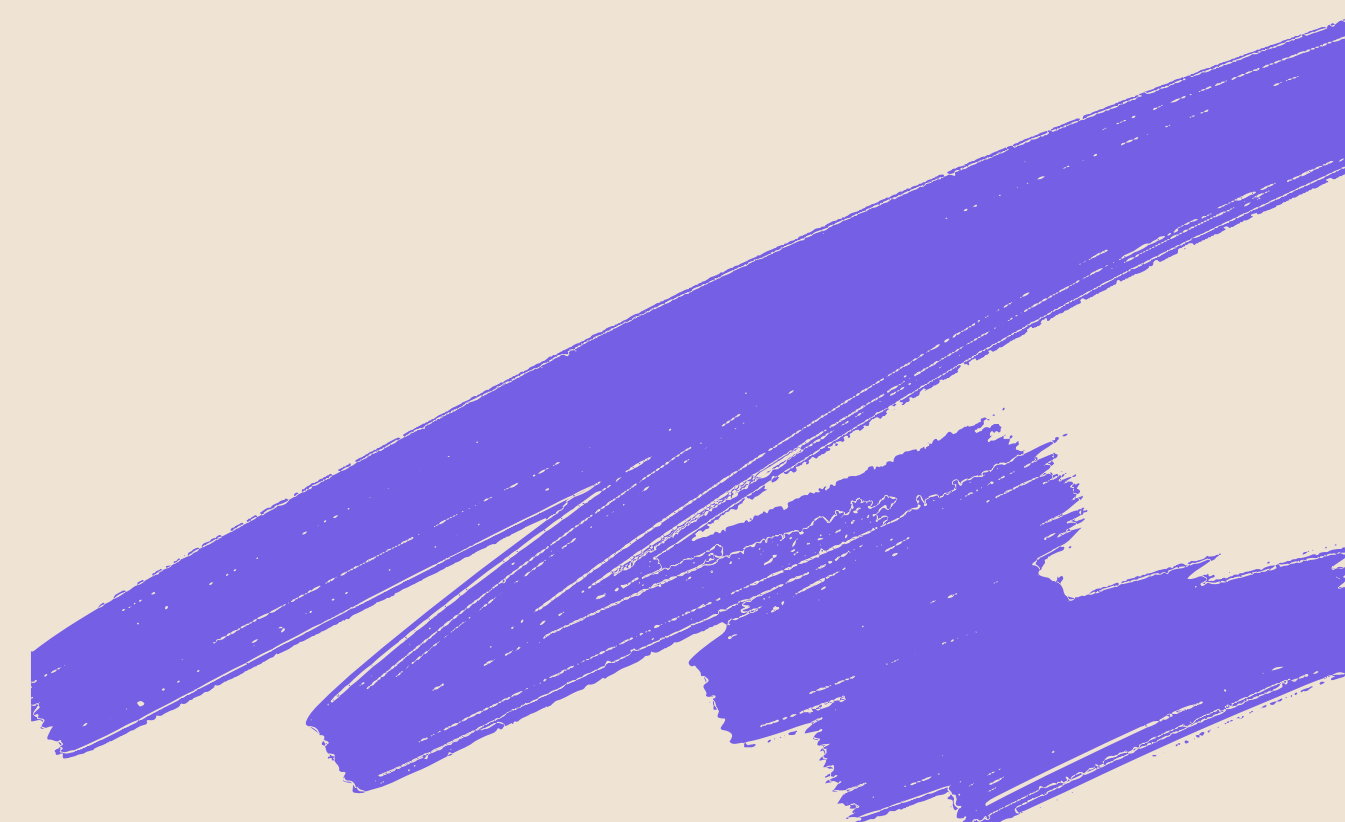
**Get Connected to
Community Resources**



It Starts at Home



Questions or
comments? We'd love
to hear from *you.*



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