



# Teaching Social Thinking to Early Learners Through Stories and Play-Based Activities

Guide children's early social learning and play experiences to strengthen social competencies and classroom learning. Using video examples, multisensory lessons, and play, we provide strategies to teach students core Social Thinking concepts to help them learn in a group, think about others, use their whole body to listen, etc. This course teaches professionals to implement with fidelity our award-winning curriculum, storybooks, and music collection: [We Thinkers! Volume 1 Social Explorers](#) (formerly *The Incredible Flexible You!*). The vocabulary and strategies are adaptable for use with other activities and age-appropriate literature.

**Course Content Disclosure:** While this course includes information on other products and the work of other authors, it primarily focuses on the content included in the *We Thinkers! Volume 1 Social Explorers* curriculum guide and storybooks to teach this information with fidelity.

Participants will be able to:

1. Identify at least three key milestones that underlie the development of social cognitive skills from birth to age 5.
2. Explain the difference between a skills-based approach and a social cognitive-based approach.
3. Explain why an early learner (ages 4–7) with social learning challenges may struggle to work and learn as part of a group.
4. Describe ways to structure learning experiences in preschool and early elementary settings to promote social and emotional learning.
5. Describe ways to teach at least three Social Thinking Vocabulary concepts to students ages 4–7.

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

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Registration and payment deadline:

**Friday February 28, 2020.**

**When:** Thursday, March 5, 2020

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
(registration/check in is from 8:00 – 8:30) \*training begins promptly at 8:30

**Where:** West End Educational Service Center  
8265 Aspen Avenue  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

**Fees:** WESELPA Area Districts fee: \$25  
Out of WESELPA area fee: \$50  
Includes Materials and Lunch

**To Submit Payment:** (Checks, Purchase orders (payable to SBCSS) and Inter-Dept. Transfers also accepted)

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