Mood Group for Teens with Autism

Clinicians at Vanderbilt University Medical Center are offering autism-adapted *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) groups* for teens with autism experiencing anxiety and/or depression.



Eligible Youth:

- Have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Currently in middle school or high school

Intervention

- Youth: 12 group sessions (Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm) at the VUMC Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic (1500 21st Avenue South, Nashville)
- Caregivers: 6 optional virtual sessions (Mondays 10-11am)
- Content: Autism-adapted Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
 - Emotion Regulation
- Friendship Skills
- Coping Skills

- Relaxation Practices
- Optimistic Thinking
- Boosting Self-Esteem
- <u>Costs</u>: Youth sessions are billed to commercial insurance. No charge for caregiver sessions. Additional details provided in the phonescreen.
- Research: Opportunities to participate in research are available (up to \$90 compensation for optional research participation).

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