**LEKOPALS**

LekoPals is a social recreational program for teens with disabilities, ages 15 and above. Pals with special needs and volunteer peer mentors enjoy bowling, computer activities, and community outings together.

**RELATED SERVICES**

- Inclusion support for children in school settings
- Presentations to direct service providers and civic groups
- Products that include a switch adapted mouse
- Toy Adapting Workshops for teachers, therapists and parents

**COMPUTER/IPAD EVALUATIONS**

Using a wide selection of software, adapted computer input devices and iPad applications, Lekotek conducts technology evaluations.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

- Fishing and Rafting Trips
- Happy Tails - Therapeutic Pet Visits
- Holiday Party
- Lekomusic - Music & Movement Classes
- Mom’s Night Out
- Pumpkin Patch Outing
- Sensory and Art Play Dates
- Sibshops - Support Group for Siblings
- Summer Computer Camp
- Zoo Day and Halloween Party

**LEKOTEK LOCATIONS**

**ATLANTA - MAIN OFFICE**

Northlake Business Office  
1901 Montreal Rd., Suite 126  
Tucker, GA 30084  
Ph: (404) 633-3430

**ALPHARETTA**

Colony Park Office Park  
284 S. Main Street, Suite 1100  
Alpharetta, GA 30009  
Ph: (404) 502-8359

**DULUTH**

Satellite Court  
2250 Satellite Blvd., Suite 125  
Duluth, GA 30097  
Ph: (404) 633-3430

**PEACHTREE CITY**

118-D Governor’s Square  
Peachtree City, GA 30269  
Ph: (770) 289-3276

**GAINESVILLE**

3485 McEver Rd., Suite 100  
Gainesville, GA 30504  
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**KENNESAW**

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**THE POWER OF PLAY • THE POWER OF LEKOTEK**

Lekotek of Georgia  
Making a Difference for Children with Disabilities
WHAT IS LEKOTEK?
The word, “Lekotek,” is Swedish and literally means “play library.” Lekotek’s mission is to include children with disabilities into their families, schools, and communities. For children with physical, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities, it’s a chance to play and learn using specialized toys and computer equipment. Lekotek helps all children experience success through play.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING A LEKOTEK PLAY SESSION?
Experienced Lekotek leaders:
• Create play/learning environments to promote interactive play among family members
• Model the use of adapted toys and technology
• Select toys, educational materials, software and iPad applications to meet every child’s individual needs

WHO ATTENDS LEKOTEK PLAY SESSIONS?
• Children, ages birth to 8, who have special needs, including speech delays, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, hearing and/or visual impairments, developmental disabilities, chronic health conditions, genetic disabilities and premature infants experiencing delays
• Siblings, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of the child with special needs are always welcome to participate in play sessions

WHY PLAY?
The American Academy of Pediatrics is encouraging families to increase play time.
• Play encourages development through exploration and discovery.
• Play provides failure-free learning.
• Play with accessible toys facilitates social interactions between parents, siblings and the child.
• Play develops a child’s language, cognitive, fine and gross motor abilities.

WHAT ARE THE CREDENTIALS OF LEKOTEK STAFF MEMBERS?
Lekotek is staffed by certified Lekotek leaders who have backgrounds in therapeutic fields, special education and child development. In addition, Lekotek leaders complete training in assistive technology and play techniques.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
Play session fees are $240 per year. Scholarships are available and no family is denied services.

HOW DOES A FAMILY BECOME A MEMBER?
No referrals are needed. Parents call to schedule their first appointment. The Lekotek leader meets with each individual family for a play session with toys specially selected from the Lekotek library to meet the child’s individual needs. Each month, the family returns to Lekotek to play with the same Lekotek leader. The leader selects new toys and technology to facilitate the child’s learning and interaction with family members. Families borrow toys, learning materials, software and technology equipment to use at home until their next play session.

HOME VISITS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE MEDICALLY FRAGILE
Home visits are available for children who are medically fragile and unable to travel and/or leave their homes. Lekotek leaders will also conduct play sessions if a Lekotek child is hospitalized for a lengthy period of time. Parents frequently comment that with each bag of toys, the Lekotek leader brings the outside world of play, hope and joy to their child.

COMPUPLAY
Children with physical, sensory and/or cognitive disabilities have the opportunity to explore and benefit from technology. Compuplay offers unique and exciting learning experiences using the Smartboard, computer and iPad for children, ages 2 to 18. Compuplay includes an assessment, parent training and direct instruction.

COMPUTER AND IPAD SERVICES
Lekotek uses innovative technology designed to meet the individual needs of every child. iPad applications (with blue tooth capabilities), an eye gaze system, computer touch windows, adapted mice, joysticks and trackballs accompanied with diverse switches are all available at Lekotek. An eye gaze system allows the user to access the computer simply by looking. With a camera affixed to the computer, the child’s pupils are tracked and he or she can move the cursor. The eye gaze system can be used with communication software, making it possible for a child who is nonverbal to communicate. With “state of the art” technology, Lekotek makes it possible for every child to experience success.

COMPUTER CLUB
Computer Club provides opportunities for young-sters ages 9 and above to socialize and participate in a club activity. Teens without disabilities volunteer as peer tutors to facilitate computer play and an enjoyable evening of pizza and fun. Club meets one Sunday every other month from 4 to 6 PM. (Sorry, no parents allowed.)