



Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program 2023-2024 School Year Application In-Person Only

Overview

Join us at our California clinic! The Social Thinking Clinical Training Program is designed to provide an opportunity to observe and discuss the implementation and use of the Social Thinking Methodology as it applies from assessment to support. Attendees will be part of a small group of professionals from around the globe who will bring their unique experiences to the training. Attendees observe clients from preschool through adulthood, with most falling within the school-age years. Structured observations will include clinical groups that represent both literal learners (Emerging Social Communicators) and nuanced learners (Nuanced Social Communicators). We often have at least one preschool group (varying play levels) and some adult sessions, but this is dependent on the current client demand, and observing an early learning group is not guaranteed.

This year the Clinical Training Program is only offered at our California locations, Santa Clara, and San Jose. The two clinics are only one mile apart from each other, but we recommend ordering a Lyft or Uber for moving between the two clinics on day 1.

Day 1

9:00 am: **Think Social Publishing (TSP)/Social Thinking Clinic (STC)** – Santa Clara, CA

Participants start the 3-day program by meeting with Michelle Garcia Winner and/or Pamela Crooke at the main Social Thinking office (Santa Clara). TSP is the headquarters for conferences, marketing, accounting, customer service, and product development. This location has a small book/product warehouse, as well as our on-demand film studio. This office is also home to a small clinic where Michelle and Pam run individual sessions and therapy groups. Michelle and Pam will discuss the latest thinking, new products, and an overview of the training program.

11:00 am: **Social Thinking Stevens Creek (STSC)** – San Jose, CA

Travel to the licensed San Jose clinic (approximately 1 mile away). Owner Allison King will lead the remainder of the training alongside two Social Thinking clinical experts and authors, Ryan Hendrix, and Kari Palmer. You'll learn about the dynamic assessment process and how the information you collect can be used to guide therapy, teaching, or coaching sessions. A specific schedule will be provided. The day will end at approximately 7:00 pm. Multiple breaks, including lunch, will occur throughout the day.

This clinic was the original Social Thinking clinic opened by Michelle over 20 years ago. It is the only California-licensed clinic and all therapists at STSC receive ongoing training from Pam and Michelle regularly, including monthly grand rounds. This clinic has a large client base and you will have the opportunity to see several therapists across a range of ages during your training. To learn more about Allison King and her team, please visit <https://www.socialthinkingsanjose.com/theteam>.

Days 2 and 3

10:00 am: **Social Thinking Stevens Creek (STSC)** – San Jose, CA

You will get the opportunity to observe live therapy/coaching sessions and will meet with the lead trainers to discuss your observations. Sessions end at approximately 7 pm. Multiple breaks, including lunch, will occur throughout the day.

Who should attend and Eligibility Requirements: *Important – This training is considered intermediate/advanced. Participants are expected to have a core base of knowledge about the methodology before applying.*

- Applicants must have attended at least two full-day Social Thinking conference courses taught by a member of our Social Thinking Training and Speakers’ Collaborative, or an event featuring a TSP speaker, or applicants must have watched at least 12 hours of On Demand Courses provided by TSP.
 - Optional but recommended: Watch the two-part On Demand series [Navigating Across School, Home, and Screen Landscapes using the ILAUGH Model](#)
- Applicants must have at least one year of experience implementing components of the Social Thinking Methodology in a school or clinical setting. More experience is preferred.
 - Note: This training *is* a good fit for parent-professionals who serve the dual role of implementing Social Thinking components as a clinician outside the home, as well as providing support for their own child/children. This training *is not* designed for parents who do not provide services for other students/clients outside of supporting or teaching their own child.
- Read and use two or more of the core books published by Think Social Publishing, Inc., including but not limited to:
 - You Are a Social Detective!* and *Teaching Curriculum & Support Guide (new 2022)*
 - Social Situation Mapping (new 2023)*
 - Social Thinking and Me*
 - We Thinkers! Volumes 1 and 2 (storybooks and curriculum)*
 - Socially Curious and Curiously Social (updated 2021)*
- Stay up to date about evolving aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology by reading free articles and watching free webinars. All applicants should already be subscribed to our newsletter which will alert you to the new content posted on our website.
- Some attendees (not all) will receive continuing education hours. Please see the list of eligible professions at the end of this application.
 - We are aware that licensed BCBA’s and other behaviorists are discouraged from using any part of the Social Thinking Methodology. Before applying for this training, BCBA’s should carefully consider whether this social cognitive training is beneficial to their professional goals, given that no CEs are available.
 - All participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Important: Applicants are selected based on the number of students/clients they serve in the community and their experience using the Social Thinking Methodology. Professionals or parent professionals working with very small caseloads are less likely to be selected.

Fees and Fee Schedule:

Total \$1,700 (USD) **There are no discounts or scholarships available.**

1. **Payment 1:** \$350 deposit submitted with application submission.
2. **Payment 2:** \$750 due within 30 days of acceptance unless the applicant is assigned to a training date that will start in less than 30 days. In this case, the full tuition is due immediately after acceptance.
3. **Payment 3:** \$600 is due 10 weeks before the assigned training date.
 - Applicants can choose to follow the payment plan or can make one payment of \$1,350.
4. Payments not made on time can result in the training space being forfeited.
5. Invoices and receipts for each payment will be managed by Social Thinking. The program tuition must be paid in full before attending the training.

How to Apply:

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. While there is no “formal” deadline to apply, we encourage you to apply early if you’re eager to participate and want to secure your chosen date of attendance.

1. **To apply by mail:** Mail the completed application with the \$350.00 (USD) deposit by check payable to the “Social Thinking Center.” If selected, your deposit will be applied to your tuition. If you are not selected, we will return your check uncashed.
2. **To apply by email:** Email the completed application to clinicinfo@socialthinking.com and pay the \$350.00 (USD) deposit by credit card via phone. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. Deposit payment must be made within three days of emailing the application. If you are selected to attend, your deposit will be applied to your tuition. If you are not selected, we will return your credit card deposit.
3. Applicants must answer the personal paragraph questions below with a short explanation of why they should be considered for this training program.
4. Multiple applicants applying to attend the same session as a small group must send their applications together. Group applicants must email all applications in *one* email. **Deposits are required for each person in the group.** There is no group discount.
5. Applicants are selected based on the number of students/clients they serve in the community and their experience with the methodology.
6. We will inform you of your status in our program within 5 days of the time we received your application. We will continue to enroll applicants until all spots are full. Our website, www.socialthinking.com/clinic-services/clinical-training, will indicate when the Clinical Training Program is full.
7. Participants will receive an email acknowledgment upon receipt of the deposit and application.

NOTE: If your email address changes during the application process, please contact Vanessa immediately. All Clinical Training applications and enrollment communication will be done through email.

Other important information:

Purchase Orders:

We only accept purchase orders after we have received the initial \$350 deposit. The remaining balance may be paid with a purchase order **only if** payment is scheduled at least 10 weeks before the training date. There are no exceptions for purchase orders to be paid after the scheduled training date. A delay in receiving the full amount check before the scheduled training date can result in losing the training spot.

Cancellation Policy & Rescheduling Policy:

Cancellations and rescheduling are difficult and time-consuming for our staff, considering new applicants may need to quickly book airline and schedule substitutes or childcare, even if they are aware months before the training date. For this reason, we have strict policies regarding cancellations and requests to reschedule. *Please read these carefully!*

Rescheduling to a different training date BEFORE being assigned:

- If you would like to change the preferred training dates you selected on your application, we are happy to assist you at no charge. Please contact Vanessa as soon as possible.

Rescheduling to a different training date AFTER being assigned to a group:

- If you need to change your assigned training date, we will do our best to find a new date, but we will charge a \$150 administrative fee.

- If no slots are available for the remaining school year, you will be placed on the waitlist for next year. Please see our Waitlist Policy below for more details.

Canceling/withdrawing BEFORE being accepted into the program:

- If you cancel or withdraw your application before you've been accepted and assigned to training, we will refund your \$350 deposit.

Canceling/withdrawing AFTER being assigned to the training date:

- If you contact us to cancel your participation after you've been assigned to training, you forfeit your deposit (\$350).
 - You can elect to be placed on the waitlist or you can re-register for our Clinical Training Program the following year.
 - Our administrative staff will work with you to coordinate which possible dates you can attend next year. All monies already paid, minus \$150 in administrative fees, will apply to your alternative Clinical Training session. You have two years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.

Exception: If the cancellation is due to a medical necessity, we will refund your payment minus a \$150 administrative fee.

Clinical Training Waitlist Policy:

1. If you are eligible to participate in the Clinical Training Program but all spots are full for the school year, you will be notified via email, your deposit will be returned, you will be placed on the waitlist, and given priority placement for the following school year training or if there is a cancellation.
2. We will notify you via email (and then phone) if a training date becomes available for you to consider. We cannot hold the slot open, so please reply immediately if you wish to enroll. All slots are on a first-come, first-served basis. If you accept the training session, your tuition is due immediately or the money you have paid will be applied to your future training.
3. If you cancel or reschedule, you have two years to participate in another training. After two years, you forfeit all money paid.
4. If the cost of the Clinical Training Program increases between your placement on the waitlist and the date you attend, you are responsible for paying the most current price of the training.

Other Cancellations:

On rare occasions (like...a pandemic), we might have to cancel.

- We will notify participants 90 days or more before the first day of the training session, when possible.
- We are not responsible for any travel-related expenses (airline, hotel costs).
- If you have paid in full, we will offer a different session that fits your schedule. If you accept the new training session offered, you will be placed and will have no additional tuition expense for attending the future Clinical Training session- even if the tuition has increased since you paid for your original training session. If there is no other time that you can attend based on our schedule, you may choose to be put on our waitlist and will get priority for future training.
- You may choose to be given a full refund of all fees paid including your deposit, minus a \$150 (USD) fee for administrative expenses.
- If there is a significant Act of Nature such as severe weather conditions, an earthquake, a tornado, or a pandemic, etc. that restricts your ability to travel to your Clinical Training session or requires us to cancel the event for the safety of all participants, we will work with you to reschedule your training free of

charge, and the money you have paid will be applied to your future training. You will not be charged an additional fee to attend the future Clinical Training session if the cost of tuition increases from the time of your originally scheduled training session.

- The Social Thinking Center is not responsible for the cost of canceling your airline ticket, hotel room, or other pre-paid travel-related expenses. You will also be responsible for all travel-related costs resulting from the rescheduling, including airline and hotel costs. You have two years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.

Continuing Education Available:

We offer continuing education credit for attending the Clinical Training Program for the professions listed below. All attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion and an agenda as proof of participation. The training provides 20 hours of instruction.

Contact your licensing and/or certification organization: We are approved to offer continuing education (CE) credit in many U.S. states and Canadian provinces. However, because requirements can change without notice, we recommend contacting your licensing and/or certification organization to verify program approval to be 100% confident you can earn CE credit for the program. If you work in a location not listed, we recommend contacting your certification board to determine program approval.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (SLPs)

United States & Global ASHA Affiliates

All states: We are an approved continuing education provider through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); the program is offered for 2.0 ASHA CEUs. To apply for ASHA CEUs, there will be an electronic ASHA registration form available. Remember to bring your ASHA number to include on the form.



If you maintain your own CE hours, your Certificate of Attendance qualifies as your verification of attendance form.

California: Michelle Garcia Winner is an approved Continuing Professional Development Provider by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board for the state of California SLPs (PDP 54) (20 hours).

Canada: To apply for CEEs for our program, submit the Certificate of Attendance and agenda to your licensing organization. The Certificate of Attendance and agenda will be provided. Earn 2.0 CEEs for the training.

COUNSELORS

Professions included under this category:

- Licensed Mental Health Counselors
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors
- Certified Professional Counselors

- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Associate Professional Counselors
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors



United States

Most states: The program is offered to counselors for 20 clock hours toward the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) credit except those noted below. Social Thinking has been designated by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) No. 6685. Social Thinking is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors:
All U.S. states *except* MT, NY, NV, OK

EDUCATORS

United States

Most states: To apply for continuing education credit for our training, submit your Certificate of Attendance and agenda documents to your district or employer after the program has taken place.

MASSACHUSETTS

Social Thinking is an approved PD Provider #2017F007 with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To use the hours for PDPs, you must attend at least 10 hours of Social Thinking workshops.

LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

United States

Most states: Each course is offered for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) credit except where noted below. Social Thinking has been designated by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) No. 6685. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are identified. Social Thinking is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by NBCC, though they can change without notice:
AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, ME, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (OTs)

Contact your licensing and/or certification organization to see if you can earn continuing education credit for our program. Many states accept CE hours for our training; however, Social Thinking is not an AOTA-approved provider.

United States

States that are *likely* to accept CE hours for our program when submitting paperwork after the training takes place: AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, ID, IA, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NJ, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, Washington DC

States that require participants to submit the program for approval before the event to receive CE hours for attendance: IL, LA (for live events only), NM, ND, VT



States that are **unlikely** to accept CE hours for our program:

The states not listed in either category above require attendance at AOTA-approved programs to earn CE credit. Unfortunately, Social Thinking is not an AOTA-approved provider.

Canada

To apply for CEEs for our training, submit the Certificate of Attendance and agenda provided at the training to your licensing organization. The program is offered for 20.0 CEEs.

PSYCHOLOGISTS (CLINICAL & SCHOOL)

In the past, we were able to provide approved CE credit to clinical psychologists for attending live stream courses. This option is no longer available. If we find another way to provide CE approval for the courses, we will update this page. You may contact your licensing organization to see if they can accept CE hours from non-approved providers.

School Psychologists may not need the American Psychological Association's (APA) approval of the CE hours. You may still be able to earn credit for watching our courses—please contact your licensing and/or employer organization to find out.

SOCIAL WORKERS

NY State Social Workers

Social Thinking, Inc., SW CPE, is recognized by New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0334. The training is offered for 20 contact hours (unless other total time is clearly stated on the course page).

Other States

In the past, we were able to provide approved CE credit to clinical social workers for attending live stream courses. This option is no longer available. If we find another way to provide CE approval for the courses, we will update this page. You may contact your licensing organization to see if they can accept CE hours from non-approved providers.



Questions

All the clinical training registration and payments are handled through our Santa Clara, CA Office. Please do not call our other clinics with any administrative questions before your arrival for the clinical training program. Please contact Vanessa, Clinical Training Coordinator at the Santa Clara office with questions.

Vanessa Alcantar

clinicinfo@socialthinking.com

(408) 557-8595 ext. 202

Office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Pacific Time

11:00 AM – 7:30 PM East Coast Time

Questions about Continuing Education

David Yanez

Assistant Conference Manager & Continuing Education

Dyanez@socialthinking.com

(408) 557-8595 ext. 316

Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Pacific Time

Email your completed applications to:

clinicinfo@socialthinking.com

Mail your completed application to:

Social Thinking Center

Att: Vanessa Alcantar

404 Saratoga Ave

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Santa Clara, CA 95050 USA



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Name _____

Date _____

About the Application Process:

The Clinical Training Program is conducted monthly throughout the school year (September through July). There are only 6-7 spots available for each training session. Individuals who were on the waiting list from the previous year will be given priority.

Please check your preferred 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice dates or as many as possible!

2023-2024 SANTA CLARA TRAINING DATES
<input type="checkbox"/> September 11-13, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> October 23-25, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> January 29- 31, 2024 *Michelle Garcia Winner & Pam Crooke will not be available for this date
<input type="checkbox"/> March 18 – 20, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> May 13-15, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/> July 15-17, 2024

Acknowledgment of Basic Training in Social Thinking Concepts:

Are you applying to attend the Clinical Training Program for the 2nd time?

___ Yes

___ No

If yes, which year did you previously attend: _____

I acknowledge I have at least **ONE YEAR OF RECENT EXPERIENCE** UTILIZING SOCIAL THINKING’S TREATMENT FRAMEWORKS, STRATEGIES, AND CONCEPTS WITH CLIENTS/STUDENTS WITHIN THE RANGE OF FOUR YEARS OLD TO ADULTHOOD: _____ (initials)

I acknowledge I have attended two full-day Social Thinking workshops hosted by Think Social Publishing, Inc, or led by a member of the Social Thinking Training and Speakers Collaborative or I have watched at least 12 hours of Social Thinking OnDemand Courses (four, 3-hour courses): _____ (initials)

I acknowledge I have read and used two or more of the core books published by Think Social Publishing, Inc, including but not limited to: _____(initials)

- You Are a Social Detective!* and *Teaching Curriculum & Support Guide (new 2022)*
- Social Situation Mapping (new 2023)*
- Social Thinking and Me*
- We Thinkers! Volumes 1 and 2 (storybooks and curriculum)*
- Socially Curious and Curiously Social (updated 2021)*



I acknowledge I understand the policies for collecting payments, deposits, waitlist, and cancellation policy: _____(initials)

I understand there is a fee of \$1700 (USD) for the Social Thinking Clinical Training in California: _____ (initials)

I would like to receive ASHA-SLP CEUs for this training: Yes No

MY ASHA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS: _____

I would like to receive CES CE credit: I am an MH COUNSELOR, CLINICAL OR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, or SOCIAL WORKER _____(initials)

Please print clearly!

NAME		PROFESSION & CREDENTIALS	
MAILING ADDRESS		WORK NAME SCHOOL OR AFFILIATION	
CITY		WORK WEBSITE	
STATE/PROVINCE		ALTERNATE/ADDITIONAL WORK NAME	
ZIP OR MAIL CODE		WEBSITE	
COUNTRY		PLEASE CHECK EACH AGE GROUP OF CLIENTS/STUDENTS YOU WORK WITH).	
PRIMARY EMAIL		PRESCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECONDARY EMAIL		K - 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRIMARY TELEPHONE		MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECONDARY TELEPHONE		TRANSITION TO ADULT & YOUNG ADULTS (16-26)	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE		ADULTS (26 AND BEYOND)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Most correspondence will be via email. If your email address changes, please inform us right away.

Your Signature:

Please sign below acknowledging you understand all the information presented in this 11-page application. **No typed signatures are accepted.**

Signature

Date

Print name



2023-2024 Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program Personal Paragraphs

Please answer the questions below and include them with your application. Your application will not be accepted without these questions being completed. You may attach an additional paper if you need more room for your descriptions.

Name _____

Briefly describe the social learning characteristics (age group, social learning style) with whom you have been using the Social Thinking Methodology:

Briefly explain your current and/or prior experience using aspects of our Social Thinking Methodology. Describe types of lessons you have done or materials you have utilized that are published by Social Thinking Publishing: *(Reminder: You must have experience actively using the Social Thinking Methodology with clients or students for at least ONE YEAR before the time you plan to attend our clinical training program).*

Briefly explain what you hope to gain from attending this training:

Any additional information you would like us to know?