Thank you for your support!

Project PEERS: Peers Everyday Emotions & Relationships at School

You can help us:

- To understand how emotions influence children’s relationships with teachers and friends, their school participation, and academic achievement.
- To learn how children’s friends might affect their expression of emotion and behavior at school.
- To help all children be more successful in school.
- To create programs that promote student success, especially for children who might have difficulties expressing and regulating their emotions.

Benefits of Participation:

- We will pay parents and teachers to fill out surveys
- Your child will complete some short, fun activities at school
- Observations of classroom behavior
- We will pay the school for participating
- If 80% of the class returns the consent forms, we’ll provide a class party and the teacher will receive $40

Starting Kindergarten: Tips for Success

1. Get a good night of sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Have a routine and stick to a schedule.
4. Talk with your child’s teacher frequently.
5. Be involved with school activities.

Our Staff

There are several people involved with the PEERS project. Together they have over 50 years of experience working with families and children in the Phoenix community.

Carlos Valiente

Dr. Valiente is a professor and researcher at ASU. He studies emotions and self-control and how they relate to children’s success in school. He also studies how parents and teachers can help children’s school success.

Nancy Eisenberg

Dr. Eisenberg is a researcher and Regents’ Professor at ASU who is interested in emotions and moral development and how they relate to children’s social skills. She also studies the role of culture in children’s social development.

Tracy Spinrad

Dr. Spinrad is a researcher and professor at ASU. She is interested in studying young children’s emotions and how they affect social development throughout childhood. She is also interested in how parents teach children about emotions.

Armando Pina

Dr. Pina is a professor at ASU with clinical experience. He is interested in understanding the risk factors for anxiety in children and ways to help prevent and treat these problems.

Jody Southworth-Brown

For the last 12 years, Jody was an elementary school teacher. In her new role as PEERS project manager she will be in contact with the schools, teachers, and parents to help the project run smoothly.