

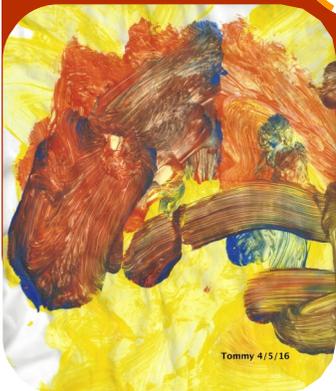
”Tommy”



“Tommy” playing safely alongside his new friends at the 24:1 Early Childhood Learning Center.



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Tommy 4/5/16

Tommy would only play with blocks and wouldn’t allow any other friends to play with him. **He would grab toys from their hands, push the other children, and cry or scream when the teacher would intervene.** Tommy did not speak to his classmates.

The 24:1 Early Childhood Learning Center teachers, trained in social/emotional development techniques by United 4 Children, began to spend extra time helping Tommy identify and express his emotions appropriately. They provided him with pictures to help him communicate how he was feeling and what he needed. They gave him choices, such as moving to a quiet corner or using stress-balls, to help calm himself. They provided Tommy with a model on what words to use with his friends.

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Within a few short months, Tommy has developed tremendously. Now, Tommy not only allows other children to play next to him, but he interacts and plays with them safely. He uses puppets and dolls to tell stories and engage in conversation with his friends. A few weeks ago, he proudly told his teacher: **“Ms. Stacy, I used my words!”**

Teaching Tommy to play appropriately with his friends has allowed him to grow socially and academically. His vocabulary has expanded, and he has begun to identify letters and numbers. If Tommy did not get help when he did, **he surely would’ve struggled to succeed in kindergarten and even later in life.**

Attending United 4 Children’s 24:1 Early Childhood Learning Center and

receiving the specialized social/emotional support will continue to ensure Tommy is ready for kindergarten and beyond.

Go Tommy!

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”
- Frederick Douglass



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