

Discover Private Special Education...

Call us, visit us on the web or come take a tour of our schools. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the private special education option with you.

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1-800-697-8555

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We are...



The Heart of Special Education

For parents of children with disabilities, finding an appropriate educational program for their child can be a difficult and confusing process. The Coalition of Southern New Jersey Private Special Education Schools was established to help parents learn more about the options they have concerning their child's education.

We are a group of six private, non-profit special education schools that have joined together to help answer your questions about private special education, and provide information about services and programs that may best suit you and your child's needs.



The Private Special Education School Option

Private Special Education may be the best option for your child to succeed. As a parent of a child with disabilities, you are an integral part of your child's education process. Working with members of your public school's child study team, you can request information on private special education schools and help make an informed decision regarding your child's education. The final referral to a private special education school comes from the school's child study team, who will continue to work with the private school, and be responsible for the student.



Finding the appropriate educational option for your child can sometimes be a complicated process. We have access to education and legal experts who can help you navigate through the process. For more information or for help in understanding your rights, call us at 1-800-697-8555.



Family Support Services

At private special education schools, we make sure parents are involved every step of the way. Whether those steps are big or small, each step is important in the life of a special needs child, and by working closely with parents, we work together to offer support to both families and children. We listen to your ideas and concerns and build your child's program accordingly.

Community-Based Instruction

We realize that learning takes place everywhere students spend time, not just in the classroom. Many of our programs bring children into the community so they may experience the practical side of learning—how to bank *in a bank*, how to shop *in a supermarket*, how to work *in a real business*. These experiences are invaluable to students who otherwise might not be able to learn in the community where they live.

Therapeutic Services

These services—such as counseling, speech, physical, occupational, music and art therapies—provide parents with the ease and convenience of receiving comprehensive care in one unique, qualified setting.

Certified Vocational Training

Many of our schools provide outstanding vocational programs, where students are taught to develop work skills that prepare them for sheltered, supported, or competitive employment. Both on-site and off-site employment opportunities provide real life situations in which students thrive, succeed and achieve.

Private School Funding

Parents pay no tuition for their child to attend private special education schools. All special education services—including placement in a private school—are funded through a combination of federal, state and local tax dollars. Using this funding, your school district pays the costs of tuition and transportation for private special education schools. And while private special education schools are sometimes referred to as expensive, research has shown the total cost to tax payers to be less than all “out of district” placements and many “in district” placements.

Comprehensive Staff

Certified special education teachers, licensed therapists and a host of other professional staff members, which may include psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and more, comprise the qualified staff at our schools.

An “Extended Family”

The nature of creating a caring, nurturing, environment where children are encouraged to flourish and excel at their own pace establishes a family-like atmosphere. Private special education schools unite students, parents, teachers and professional staff with common goals, and through this process the support and encouragement is immeasurable. Parents and staff alike share in the accomplishments, struggles, and joys of each student as they communicate and work together.



Benefits of Private Special Education

Private special education schools offer many unique services available only through our programs and facilities. The six South Jersey Coalition schools, while each offering their own individual scope of services, encompass programs from birth through adulthood, and include the following services:

- Optimum student-teacher ratios
- Expertly trained and certified staff
- Adherence to New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
- Extended school year programs
- Highly focused technology and adaptive equipment
- Full range of social activities including after-school activities, proms, plays and more
- Vocational training
- Transition services
- Specifically designed or adapted facilities



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Brookfield Schools

1009 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Contact: Dorothy K. Van Horn, Ed.D.

Executive Director/Superintendent

Phone: 856-795-8228

Website: www.brookfieldschools.org

Serving students ages 5 to 21.

Brookfield serves students needing intensive behavioral/therapeutic intervention, at three sites. Brookfield Academy serves high school age, Brookfield Elementary serves kindergarten through eighth grades, and Transition to College provides a unique opportunity for high school juniors and seniors. Intensive group and individual counseling, art therapy, cosmetology, horticulture and culinary arts are provided.

Garfield Park Academy

P.O. Box 189, Willingboro, NJ 08046

Contact: Steven Morse, Ed.D., Director

Phone: 609-877-4111

Website: www.garfieldparkacademy.org

Serving students ages 5 to 21.

Garfield serves students who are emotionally challenged and may have multiple disabilities, including Asperger's Syndrome. An extensive state approved vocational program as well as work study is offered, with programs in culinary arts, retail trades, cosmetology, auto technology, carpentry and horticulture. College scholarships are also available. The School-to-Career program has a work study component. Social workers reside in the classrooms and intensive group and individual counseling, speech and language therapy, art therapy, music therapy and family counseling are provided. Parent education classes and an extended school year are also available. Garfield is Middle States Accredited.

HollyDELL, Inc.

610 Hollydell Drive, Hurffville, NJ 08080

Contact: Gracanne H. Ryan, Executive Director

Phone: 856-582-5151

Website: www.hollydell.org

Serving ages birth through adult.

For over 55 years, HollyDELL has been serving students and adults with physical challenges and multiple disabilities. A collaborative team approach is used, ensuring treatment of the whole child as the student strives for levels of independence. Program highlights include speech/language/feeding therapy, augmentative communication, physical therapy, sensory integration, mobility training, occupational therapy, pottery and music instruction, vocational training, community-based instruction, specialized nursing services and an extended school year program.

Kingsway Learning Center

144 Kings Highway W. • Haddonfield, NJ 08033

244 West Rt. 38 • Moorestown, NJ 08057

Contact: David J. Panner, Executive Director

Phone: 856-428-8108

Website: www.kingswaylearningcenter.org

Serving children ages birth to 21 years.

The Kingsway Early Intervention Program serves families of children birth to 3 years with developmental delays, or diagnoses that heighten risk for delays. Individualized ten-month and extended school year programs for 3- to 21-year-old students with multiple disabilities feature functional academics, social integration and prevocational training. Services include individual, small group and integrated occupational, physical and speech/language therapies.

Larc School

1089 Creek Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

Contact: Susan Weiner, Executive Director

Phone: 856-933-3725

Website: www.larcschool.org

Serving pre-school children through young adults with multiple disabilities.

Larc School is a private, non-profit school serving children and young adults with multiple disabilities. Since 1968, Larc's mission is to afford each and every youngster opportunities for growth, development and, most important, independence. Renowned for its warm, family-like atmosphere, Larc focuses on each student's individual goals and capabilities providing educational, therapeutic, recreational and respite services in a supportive environment. Larc serves students in the entire South Jersey Region.

St. John of God Community Services Archbishop Damiano School (ADS)

1145 Delsea Drive, Westville Grove, NJ 08093

Contact: Muncie Buckalew, Executive Director

Phone: 856-848-4700

Website: www.sjogcs.org

Serving children & adults from birth through adult.

The St. John of God Early Intervention Programs serves children birth to 3 years with developmental delays. ADS serves students ages 3 to 21 with moderate to severe disabilities. The ADS curriculum is fully aligned with the core curriculum content standards. A full array of therapeutic services is provided. Students are transitioned from school-work through school-based instruction and work experiences. Vocational training and rehabilitation services are provided for adults. Our mission is to assist persons with disabilities to develop their skills to their fullest potential.

If you'd like more information on how to pursue the best option for your child, call one of our executive directors at 1-800-697-8555.