### **Educational Services**

## The Day School at The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

The Day School at The Children's Institute is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as an Approved Private Day School (APS) and serves children ages 5 through 21 who are challenged by complex and severe disabilities such as autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy and/or neurological impairments. The Day School is fully accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES) and serves nearly 200 students from 67 school districts.

#### Our Approach

At The Day School we believe in a collaborative, team-based approach to education that includes:

Students
Parents
School Districts
Our unique transdisciplinary team approach helps students achieve the goals established in their Individualized Educational Programs (IEP).

Our educational program utilizes a functional curriculum that includes:

- ArtAdapted Physical Education
- Fully-equipped LibraryMusic
- In-class Computer Resources

We combine this with a focus on building life skills for complete student development.

#### Student/Staff Ratio

Multi-disability: 1:3 8 students, 1 teacher /2 aides Autism: 1:2

1 teacher / 2 aides



#### Classrooms

Long regarded as a national leader in the education of children with disabilities, The Day School offers 26 classrooms:

- 11 multi-disability classrooms
- 5 transitional classrooms for students ages 14 21
- 10 specifically designed for students with autism

To learn more about the Educational Services at The Children's Institute, please contact Eva Bizzozero at 412.420.2388, or ebi@the-institute.org.

#### A Broad Continuum of Services

In addition to programs offered in the classrooms, The Day School provides numerous additional services to students who need them, including:

- Speech/Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- School Social Work Services
- Vision Consultation
- Dietary Services
- Transitional Services
- School Nursing Services
- Hearing Impaired Resource Therapy
- Augmentative Communication Device Therapy
- Functional Feeding and Oral Motor Therapy

# Educational Services for Students with Autism

The Autism Program at The Day School provides a comprehensive, transdisciplinary approach to helping students with autism or autistic-like behaviors increase their cognitive skills, social communication skills, emotional regulation skills and personal relationships with family, staff and peers. Throughout the school day, students are taught to accomplish life skills with increased levels of receptive and expressive communication.

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The Day School is approved for tuition reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and school districts for students with autism, cerebral palsy and/or neurological impairments.



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of parents surveyed are satisfied with The Day School's services