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The Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development



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About The Center

The Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development is a preschool approved by the NYS Education Department, as well as a licensed NYS Department of Mental Health Children's Day Treatment Program. The center was named for Lawrence F. Hickey, who was instrumental in acquiring the Little Red School House and was a dedicated supporter of Astor and our mission. Mr. Hickey was on the Board of Directors from 1981 until 2004, and a benefactor of Astor. The program was named the Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development in his honor on September 24, 1991.

The center serves children ages 2.9 years to kindergarten, focusing on children with behavioral and emotional needs. The Center's NYS Education Department Classification is a 12-month, five-hour day in a center-based, self-contained classroom with a classroom ratio of 8:1:2.

Our program accepts referrals from the Board of Education, Early Intervention Programs, and pediatricians. Referrals are also accepted from Head Start and other day care and preschool programs. The Center is an approved evaluation site, providing comprehensive assessments for children referred to us.

Our Goals

By providing a preschool special education program and supportive clinical services, we aim to:

- ◆ Improve the social and emotional functioning of each child.
- ◆ Develop and enhance school readiness skills.
- ◆ Support the child within the family and community.
- ◆ Provide parenting support and skills training

To achieve these goals, we follow the renowned research-based High Scope Curriculum within the structure of a behavior management program. Throughout the day, clinical services are incorporated on an individual and group basis. Speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy are provided during the school day.

Intake Procedure

As an approved CPSE evaluation site, we conduct a multi-disciplinary evaluation at no cost to the family. All families meet with a school psychologist, a special educator and a social worker to assess the strengths and needs of the child and family. Speech, occupation therapy and physical therapy evaluation are also included when approved by the Board of Education.

Family Support

Family Support Services include parent counseling, parent skills training and weekly support and advocacy group meetings. An interdisciplinary team of educational and clinical staff provide children with a highly structured and intensive therapeutic milieu.

Evidence-Based Services With Unique Interventions

- High Scope Approach to Early Child Development
- Field Trips: Extended Learning Opportunities Outside the Classroom
- Parent/Child Interaction Therapy
- Behavior Management Techniques/Token System
- Teacher/Child Interaction Therapy
- Weekly Evening Parent Support Group Meetings
- Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

The Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development helps families obtain the educational and clinical services their children need.

