



Astor Services for Children & Families promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs.

The Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development

The Lawrence F. Hickey Center is a NYS Education Department approved 4410 special education preschool which is also licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health as a Children's Day Treatment Program. The Hickey Center, also known as "The Little Red Schoolhouse" is named after Lawrence F. Hickey. Mr. Hickey was a board member and a dedicated supporter of Astor and our mission, who was instrumental in acquiring and renovating the school in 1992.

We serve:

- Children between the ages of 2 years, 9 months and 4 years, 9 months
- Children with behavioral and emotional challenges

Our children attend a 12 month, 5 hour day in a center-based, self-contained classroom with a classroom ratio of 8:1:2.

Our Goals at the Hickey Center:

- Prepare children with behavioral challenges to succeed in school
- Improve the social and emotional functioning of each child
- Develop and enhance social readiness skills
- Support the child within the family and community
- Provide parenting support and skills training

Services Provided:

• Special Education Services

- High Scope Approach to Early Child Development
- Field Trips: Extended Learning Opportunities Outside the Classroom
- Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

• Evidence-Based Clinical Services

- Individual and Group Therapy
- Parent/Child Interaction Therapy
- Parent Skills Training
- Weekly Evening Parent Support Group Meetings
- Behavior Management Techniques

Intake Procedure

Referrals approved by the Committee on Preschool Education are accepted from:

- The NYC Department of Education
- Early Intervention Programs
- Pediatricians
- Day Care Centers and other preschool programs

Each child will receive a comprehensive evaluation at no cost to the family

- Each family will meet with a school psychologist, a special educator and a social worker to assess the strengths and needs of the child and family
- Each child will receive Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy evaluations

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