



2024

Special Needs

Resource Directory



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The JCC of Central New Jersey is committed to the inclusion of people of all abilities, backgrounds, denominations, gender identity and religious affiliations into all of our programs. We are committed to making our Wilf Jewish Community Campus a barrier-free environment and our programs equally inclusive. We believe inclusion is an attitude, not an activity. Inclusion is belonging.

In honor of February's Jewish Disability Acceptance, Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), we have compiled a list of professional agencies and businesses across the state that support people with disabilities and their families. Feel free to print or electronically share this directory with others to ensure as many people as possible benefit from these resources.

Thank you to our partners at Greater MetroWest ABLE for supporting this collaborative interagency effort in honor of JDAIM.





HIGH-QUALITY, EFFECTIVE, AND INDIVIDUALIZED APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) THERAPY
SERVING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS
IN HOMES, DAYCARES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY

WHAT SETS US APART

- ★ AGENCY FOUNDED AND DIRECTED BY A BCBA-D WITH NEARLY 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE
- ★ MOST STAFF HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY ABA
- ★ SEAMLESS COLLABORATION WITH ALL PROVIDERS TO ENSURE A TEAM APPROACH
- ★ FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE, WHEN NEEDED, TO BEST SUIT EACH FAMILY'S UNIQUE NEEDS



PROVIDING BEST PRACTICE ABA STRATEGIES GROUNDED IN EVIDENCE-BASED METHODS AND TIME-TESTED TECHNIQUES DELIVERED IN FUN WAYS



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OFFERING DEPENDABLE PARENT AND CAREGIVER SUPPORT, TO ENSURE EACH CHILD REACHES THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

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PROGRAM GOALS



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ABA Therapy

ABA Behavior Services

ABA Behavior Services provides high-quality, effective, and individualized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy to children with autism and related disorders one-on-one in homes, daycares, schools, and communities. We offer best practice ABA interventions grounded in the latest evidence-based methods and time-tested strategies provided in a fun way. Our commitment includes reliable parent and caregiver support, to make sure that each child reaches their full potential. We are founded/directed by a BCBA-D and staff have a minimum of 5 years experience with high-quality ABA.

Dr. Alexandra O'Grady

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ABA Centers of New Jersey

ABA Centers of New Jersey provides comprehensive Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and autism diagnostic services without a long waiting list. Our highly trained ABA professionals are dedicated to providing personalized autism care for those on the spectrum right where it matters most: at home!

Monica Fielder

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(561) 895-9504
110 Fieldcrest Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

Compass ABA Therapy

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy for children and young adults with autism and their families.

Irena Evans

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46 Maple Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052-2408

Transcend Behavioral Services LLC

In home ABA Services which encompass a systematic approach to understanding and modifying behavior.

Laura Greco

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(732) 413-3210
1600 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083



Accessible Recreation

Activity Connection - Children's Specialized Hospital

Activity Connection at Children's Specialized Hospital provides recreational, sports and social activities for children, teens and young adults age 1-21 with diverse abilities. Our Recreational Therapists and certified instructors work directly with our participants to provide them with opportunities to make new friends, try new activities and reach their goals. Join us for adapted swim class, social club, science class, sport activities, teen nights, and so much more!

The Activity Connection Team

activityconnection@children-specialized.org • csh.recdesk.com
(908) 301-5548

150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092

Del Martial Arts LLC / Pediatric Martial Arts

Martial Arts for special needs of all ages. Inclusion and self-contained classes.
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(908) 233-2284

340 South Ave East, Westfield, NJ 07090

Family Martial Arts Center of Scotch Plains Fanwood

We are a karate school located conveniently on Route 22 in Scotch Plains, NJ.
We offer both special needs only and integrated classes. As a DDD provider,
we take pride in the quality of our instruction.

Adam Sackett

asackett@familymartialartscenterllc.com • http://www.scotchplainskarate.com
(973) 886-3906

2014 Route 22 East (next to Scoops Ice Cream), Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Game-U

GAMEU Accelerate is a unique program developed by game industry professionals.
We teach students of all abilities how to design and build their own video games.
Our classes are taught in a LIVE interactive online setting.

Brett Winters

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(516) 265-7555

160 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822



GiGi's Playhouse Hillsborough

Down Syndrome achievement center. We change lives through the consistent delivery of free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, through a replicable playhouse model.

Britta Shrewsbury

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(636) 485-6702

450 Amwell Road, Suite H, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Open the Lid

Open the Lid offers web-based group and individual Empowerment classes, Movement classes and Technology classes for disabled people and allies of all ages, labels and locations. The classes are covered under goods and services as a community class.

Lydia Dolch

support@openthelid.com • <https://www.openthelid.com/>
(607) 339-8092

311 West Buffalo Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

Spectrum All Stars

Adaptive bowling on Saturdays, parent connections, social events

Lori Gonzalez

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(732) 259-7562

Find us on Facebook: Spectrum All Stars

Watchung Hills Pop Warner Football and Cheer Association

Challenger team flag football and cheerleading for boys and girls ages 5-18 years. No experience required. All skill levels. Coaches and peer guidance.

Complex located in Warren, NJ.

Christy Gilmartin

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(201) 618-6492

101 Old Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059

Accessible Telecommunications

NJ Relay

No cost, accessible telecommunications services for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind and/or have speech disabilities.

Lori Timney

lori.timney@t-mobile.com • www.njrelay.com
(732) 440-8822

Adaptive Equipment

AngelSense

AngelSense is an advanced assistive technology providing maximum safety and greater independence for our most vulnerable loved ones with autism, special needs, and dementia. AngelSense includes a wearable GPS device with an assistive speakerphone, a user-friendly app for multiple caregivers (parents, family members, teachers, therapists, law enforcement) and user support by special needs parents. AngelSense Customer Care's dedicated team for agencies and organizations, making processes seamless and easy.

Jeannie Callahan

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(646) 770-2950

TerrainHopper USA

We manufacture all-terrain wheelchairs for mobility challenged individuals to easily access off-road environments such as hiking trails and beaches.

Todd Lemay

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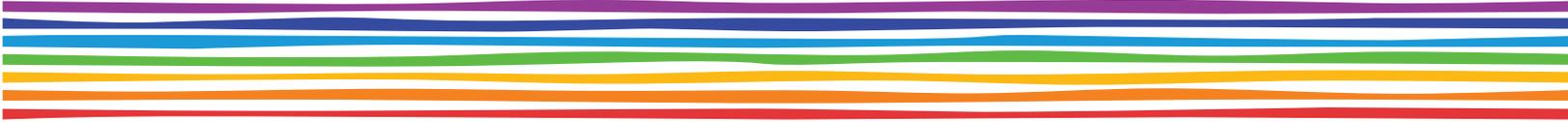
Adaptive Swim

Adaptive Swim Lessons at the JCC of Central NJ

One-on-one 30-minute aquatics classes taught by our swim instructors, who are certified in the swim Angelfish approach, are ideal for children with special needs. Lessons are adapted and customized to each child's specific needs and challenges in the water.

Jade Evans, Director of Aquatics

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After School Programs

Club Connect at the JCC of Central NJ

Club Connect is a place where high school students with disabilities can connect and have fun in a safe and supportive environment! This program offers a healthy snack, social skills review, adaptive fitness, recreational activities, opportunities to participate in community service and more!

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Counseling Services

Caregiver Support Group at the JCC

Raising a child with special needs is challenging and requires a unique approach. Join Lisa Afflitto, LCSW, for a monthly support group where caregivers can learn strategies to support their own mental wellness, share their experiences and meet/connect with other caregivers. This monthly group is free. Support group dates and Lisa Afflitto bio can be found at www.jccnj.org.

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Day and Sleepaway Camps

Camp Lee Mar

Camp Lee Mar is a 6 ½ week private residential summer program for campers ages 7-21. Our programming offers a unique learning experience that combines traditional camp activities with strong academics, activities of daily living and speech and social skills development.

Jake Segal

Jake@leemar.com • www.leemar.com

(267) 357-3383

450 Route 590, Lackawaxen, PA 18435



Camp Yachad at the JCC of Central NJ

The Camp Yachad Shadow Program provides a 1:1 shadow for campers with special needs, age 24 months through middle school, so they can fully participate in the camp experience within a same-age camp group. Camp Yachad also offers paid, supported employment opportunities to high school students and young adults with disabilities through our Skills Training Program.

Shira Gladstone, Associate Camp Director

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One Happy Camper NJ

Our experts provide guidance to Jewish camp options for children and teens with special needs, ranging from fully inclusive to self-contained programs within broader camps as well as camps designed specifically for campers with special needs. Check out our Guide to Finding the Right Jewish Camp for your Child with Disabilities for helpful information and program list or contact us for free, personalized guidance.

Tracy Levine

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(973) 929-2970

901 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981

Round Lake @ NJY

Round Lake at NJY Camps is an inclusive sleep away program for children ages 7-17 with diverse needs. All traditional camp programs are provided such as STEM, the arts, swimming, sports and adventure courses. In addition, OT, speech and academic supports are available for those who qualify.

Aryn Barer, Director

rlc@njycamps.org • <https://roundlakecamp.org>

(973) 575-3333 x145

21 Plymouth Street, Fairfield, NJ 07004

Summit Camp

Summit provides summer camp, teen travel, transitions programs and weekender outings for children and teens with learning and social challenges.

Leah Love

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(570) 253-4381

168 Duck Harbor Road, Honesdale, PA 18431



Dentists and Orthodontists

Oceans Orthodontists & Pediatric Dentistry

Special needs dentistry specializing in using ABA therapy and desensitization techniques to help children with disabilities find comfort at the dental office. Experience working with children on the autism spectrum, ADHD and other disabilities.

Dr. Aimee Leibowitz, DDS

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(908) 654-4949

522 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090

Westfield Pediatric Dental Group

Pediatric dentistry, laser treatments of lip and tongue ties, in-office anesthesia and sedation services

Christina Santana

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(908) 232-1231

555 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090

Early Childhood Programs

Brody Family Early Learning Center at the JCC of Central NJ

Our infant through kindergarten program is inclusive, and staff participate in training on understanding age-appropriate developmental milestones and provide individualized accommodations.

Robin Brous, Associate Executive Director and Early Childhood Director

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Financial Planning

Allied Wealth Partners Special Needs Division

Serving the unique estate planning and financial considerations of families with a child with special needs.

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(973) 600-6360

14 Walsh Drive, Suite 100, Parsippany, NJ 07054



NJ Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

We pay medical/mental health expenses for kids under 22 in NJ regardless of diagnosis — and you cannot make too much money to qualify! If your child's expenses for any prior 12-month consecutive time period are more than 10% of your annual income, we may be able to help! We assist kids with every type of condition, injury or disability, regardless of the severity or duration — because it's the expenses that are "catastrophic," not the illness! We can help with home modifications, medical bills modified vehicles, doctors/hospitals, therapies and more! Wanna learn more? Come on by and talk to us!

Amy Taklif, LSW

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(609) 292-0600

P.O. Box 728, Trenton, NJ 08625

Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of New Jersey (PLAN|NJ)

We offer exemplary care coordination, guided oversight of the financial affairs and compassionate actions to enhance quality of life. We partner with families to provide their loved ones a lifetime of assistance. Whether services are needed now or in the future, we initiate assistance whenever a family is ready.

Melan Miquel, Manager of Social Services

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(908) 575-9300 x28

P.O. Box 547, Somerville, NJ 08876

Information and Support

Both Sides Consulting

Dyslexia consulting for families and schools. Need help navigating dyslexia in the public schools? I can help!

Jodi Mahoney

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33 Carsdale Court, Belle Mead, NJ 08502



Learning Disabilities Association of NJ (LDANJ)

Advocacy, support, and education for specific learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders. Members benefits include discounts to national and local conferences, Students Teaching Advocacy and Mentoring Program, Person Centered Planning Meetings, and exclusive free resources.

Elizabeth Alves

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(732) 645-2738

614 Cranbury Road, Unit 6268, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Parent PASS (Parent Advocacy & Support Services) at the JCC of Central NJ

Individualized appointments provide guided support and resources for parents/guardians planning for the educational needs of a child with disabilities or suspected disabilities. This program provides tools to help caregivers understand the complex special education process and advocate for their child's needs. Program covers the transition from early intervention, beginning the special education evaluation process, receiving existing supports through an IEP or Section 504 Plan, planning for transition to adult life and assistance in preparing for collaborative participation with their district in meetings.

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Scotch Plains - Fanwood Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SPF-SEPAG)

A Special Education Parent Advisory Group, or SEPAG (sea-pag) is a state-mandated, district-level, parent-driven group charged with providing input to the local school district on system-level challenges in special education and related services.

spfsepagk12@gmail.com

<https://spf-sepag.blogspot.com/>



Shri Krishna Nidhi (SKN) Foundation

The mission of SCOPE (Special needs Community Outreach Program for Empowerment) is to support South Asian families of children with special needs through activities that educate, advocate, and empower. Support: Ongoing parent-to-parent mentoring facilitates mutual support and understanding which provides a safe space and introduces parents to others with similar challenges and needs. A Parent Support Specialist connects families to needed resources through the Parent Empowerment Program designed to build self-advocacy skills and training for the first year of a new diagnosis. Education: Regular workshops and trainings address felt needs of parents of children with special needs (e.g., IEP education, toilet training). Community: Inclusive social events provide safe spaces for children and families to socialize, to have fun and make friends in a judgment-free zone. Resources: SCOPE serves as a resource for health systems and the community to provide cultural competence resources to providers, and health and wellness related information to families.

Sabuha Qureshi-Din

info@sknfoundation.org • <https://sknfoundation.org/>

(908) 671-1344

4 Lanning Way, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

We are committed to children and families with the greatest need due to disability or special health/mental health needs; poverty; discrimination based on race/ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, immigrant or homeless status; involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems; geographic location; or other special circumstances. SPAN's individual assistance, workshops, and resources are available in languages other than English

Nicole Pratt, Parent Professional Training Director

npratt@spanadvocacy.org • spanadvocacy.org

(973) 642-8100

570 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

The Alliance of Private Special Education Schools of North Jersey

An alliance of more than 40 private special education schools, we provide advocacy assistance, workshops and seminars, and help find an appropriate out-of-district program.

Joanne De Simone

outreach@specialeducationalliancenj.org • <https://specialeducationalliancenj.org/>

(973) 407-0596

170 Changebridge Rd., C5-R, Montville, NJ 07045

The Autism Community In Action - TACA New Jersey

The TACA mission is to provide education, support and hope to families living with Autism. TACA does this by hosting in person and virtual support meetings, conferences, website articles and a FREE Parent Mentor program.

<https://tacanow.org/way-to-help/be-a-member/>

National Office - 17752 Sky Park Circle, Suite 140, Irvine, CA 92614



Jewish Community Centers and Federations

Greater MetroWest ABLE, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ

Greater MetroWest ABLE supports and advocates for individuals with disabilities and their families, with the goal of sustaining a fully inclusive community in which everyone has opportunities to meaningfully participate in Jewish life. ABLE provides information and referral, convenes community partners and supports our synagogues, schools and camps.

Rebecca Wanatick, Director Disability, Inclusion and Belonging

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(973) 929-3129

901 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981

Guttenberg Center for Special Services

The Guttenberg Center for Special Services offers a variety of programs for adults with disabilities. All programs and summer camps are designed to meet the specific needs of our participants. Our goal is to create a nurturing environment and community, allowing each individual the opportunity to reach their potential. We provide social, recreational, cultural and educational experiences in natural and inclusive community settings, with appropriate supports, for children, teens and adults with disabilities.

Ruthie Bashan, Director

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(201) 408-1489

Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, Taub Campus

411 East Clinton Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

JCC of Central NJ

Inclusive programming for all ages. Programs include Early Childhood, Club Connect (after school recreation program for high school students with disabilities), adaptive swim, adaptive personal training, Camp Yachad shadow program (campers ages 2 – middle school), Camp Yachad Skills Training Program (paid vocational training internship), Parent PASS (parent advocacy and educational support services), caregiver support group, Community Based Instruction and more!

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JCC MetroWest

Offering 21+ day habilitation, evening and weekend programs as well as summer camp and gym memberships.

Marisa Cohen, Director Special Needs Services

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(973) 530-3478

760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052



Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center

The Special Services Department at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater, NJ offers social, enrichment and respite programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. JCC Camp Ruach, the JCC's summer day camp, offers an inclusive camp for ages 5 to 14. JCC Camp Chaverim offers an inclusive camp for ages 15 and up with diverse needs.

Ellie Willoughby, Special Services Director

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(908) 443-9029

775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Medical

Atlantic Health System - Developmental Disabilities Center (DDC)

At the DDC, we provide primary care and psychiatric and psychological care to adult individuals with developmental disabilities. Many of our patients graduate from their pediatric practice with many questions on how to navigate the adult medical and psychiatric developmentally disabled world. The providers at the DDC are well versed in the complexity of this transition.

www.atlantichealth.org (Search DDC)

(908) 598-6655

1000 Galloping Hill Road, Suite 106, Union, NJ 07083 • 11 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

Personal Training & Fitness

Personal Training & Fitness at the JCC of Central NJ

Our fitness professionals, many of whom are trained in Special Strong, are committed to helping everyone achieve their healthiest self, regardless of ability level. We will make every effort to modify group classes in a discrete way so that everyone can benefit from exercise. If you prefer a more personalized approach, our experienced personal trainers can customize a fitness program to meet your individual needs. Exercises can be modified to meet any level of fitness or physical barriers to participation.

Matt McQuoid, Fitness Director

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Respite and DDD Funded Caregiving

Friendship Circle/LifeTown

Engaging children and teens with special needs through a full range of experiences, providing families with respite and support.

Toba Grossbaum

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(973) 251-0200

10 Microlab Road, Livingston, NJ 07039

Royal Community Support

Royal Community Support provides Community Based and Individual Supports to participants in the DDD program.

Mark Sobiech

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(732) 998-0615

101 Chase Avenue, Suite 103, Lakewood, NJ 08701

TeamCare, LLC

In-home respite care (ages 0-21) allows parents/guardians a much-needed break while their child is cared for by someone they know and trust. Home and community based supports (adults 21+) support individuals to live independently at home and gives them the opportunity to participate in their community, joys and passions.

Shirley Florans

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Your Choice Home Care

NJ DDD provider agency.

Michael Elchoness

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(732) 261-4903

264 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004



Social Skills

JDK Social Station

JDK Social Station offers a variety of social programs throughout the year. All our programs place emphasis on supporting children to develop self-confidence, play skills, social, and problem-solving techniques. We offer private therapy, weekly social skills classes, a music & movement program, and a summer program.

Jenna

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(201) 310-3633

780 Post Place, Secaucus, NJ 07094

Play And Talk With Us

Play And Talk With Us offers play and social skills groups for children 3 years and up. We employ evidence-based teaching procedures that support meaningful skill acquisition. Our approach focuses on respectful collaboration with families and caregivers. We aim to support generalization of skills outside of our sessions, while working to develop authentic and fulfilling relationships and friendships.

Kristina Quigley and Ann-Marie Kuba

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Space Design

BRT Interior Design

Sensory interior design for children and families with sensory sensitivities, ADHD and other special needs

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Special Education Schools/Programs

Community Based Instruction at the JCC of Central NJ

The JCC of Central NJ provides a consistent, supportive and accessible space to generalize age-appropriate functional academics, social skills, self-care skills including money management needed for daily living, post-secondary education, employment, and community access- including recreation. The JCC is an accessible facility with wheelchair access to all indoor programming spaces, including pools with pool lifts, fitness center and gymnasium. This program is offered through partnership with your student's school district.

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FlexSchool

FlexSchool is a private middle and high school that specializes in motivating and supporting gifted and twice-exceptional (2e) students. We individualize our coursework to accelerate when possible and decelerate when necessary, always celebrating strengths and meeting students where they are.

Donna Ruggiero

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(908) 279-0787

34 Russo Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

Laurel Education

The Laurel Education Group, which includes the Newgrange School and the Laurel School of Princeton, recognizes brilliance by empowering students who learn differently. Instruction in both schools is delivered in a multisensory and inquiry-based approach by expert teachers who have years of experience teaching children with learning differences and are certified to instruct using Orton Gillingham and Wilson Language Programs.

Amy K. Deutsch (she/her), Director of Admissions and Family Support

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Newmark Education

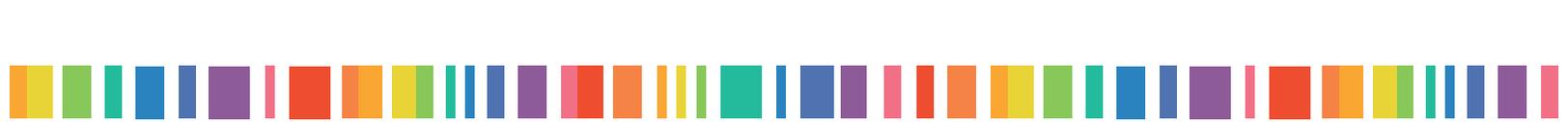
Newmark K-8 School and Newmark High School are state-approved, private not-for-profit schools serving children living with autism spectrum disorders, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, attention issues and other developmental disabilities. All Newmark students are admitted and placed directly through their local school districts.

Ms. Cynthia Allman and Dr. Regina M. Peter

info@newmarkeducation.com • www.newmarkeducation.com/

(908) 753-0330

1000 Cellar Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076



Union Catholic High School

Union Catholic offers a college preparatory curriculum tailored to your child's needs by offering individualized classroom support based on a student's needs as well as faculty and staff who understand diverse learners and work with students and their families to adapt to the expectations of high school and beyond. Visit unioncatholic.org for additional information.

Dr. Jennifer Dixon

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1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Windsor Schools of Pompton Lakes, NJ

With over 30 years of proven success in the field of special education, Windsor seeks to effectively meet the needs of every child from Kindergarten through twelfth grade and beyond. Windsor Schools are committed to creating a collaborative educational environment that nurtures each student's academic, social, emotional and behavioral potential. The program features a strong academic foundation supported by a structured behavior modification system and frequent parent communication.

Chris Lynch, Ph.D. Directors

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Special Needs Attorneys

Freeman Law Offices, LLC

Freeman Law Offices, LLC We advocate for individuals with special needs across their lifespan. That includes special education, guardianships, estate planning and adult services.

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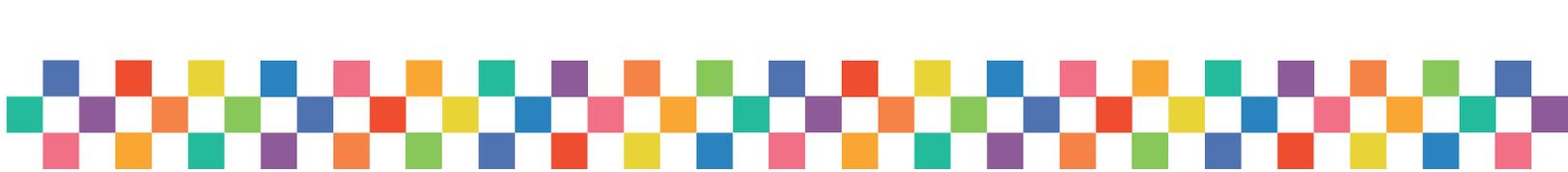
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