

Who We Are

Birch Family Services is a team of more than 3,000 special education teachers, teacher assistants, therapists, social workers, psychologists, nurses, residence counselors, administrators, board members, and family members working together to provide educational, residential, facilitative, and family support services for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We offer special education and clinical services for children from 3 through 21 years; Day Habilitation to individuals who have aged out of educational services; residential services to those who cannot live at home, and Community Habilitation services for those living with their families. Our work is based on current state of knowledge and the work of leading experts in the field of autism. We incorporate structured teaching, individualized 1 to 1 and small group instruction with a focus on communication, socialization and independence. In addition we utilize a range of augmentative communication strategies including PECS and state of the art technology.

Our core belief is simple: All children have the right to a high-quality education that will help them reach their full potential. All children deserve to learn and grow in the way that's best for them.

Education Programs

Special Education Preschool

Special Education Preschool services are for children with developmental delays or disabilities, three to five years old. These programs are at no cost to families and are funded by the New York State and New York City Departments of Education. Services include special education in a classroom setting along with counseling; occupational, physical, and/or speech therapy depending upon the child's needs.



Child Care Services, also known as Day Care

This child-care program for typically developing children is funded by NYC Administration for Children's Services. Birch offers day care (full and half-day) for children three and four years old. The cost to families is based on their income.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) services are for typically developing four year olds. UPK is funded through NYS and NYC Departments of Education and is offered at no cost to families.

School Age-Program

Special Education

Our school-age program for children with special needs serves children 10 to 21 years old whose special education and related services (speech, occupational and physical therapy, and/or counseling) needs cannot be met in public school placements. The NYC Department of Education determines eligibility for the program, and the NYC and NYS Departments of Education provide the funding.

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Make a Difference!**

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