

Who We Are

CHILD is a therapeutic day school for children ages 5-17 and a developmental therapy clinic serving children 3-18.

We offer a full-time day program with year-round, open enrollment and a six week summer program, subject to availability.



We serve students placed by parents or in partnership with school districts. We help students develop the essential skills that are critical to success. This ensures the earliest possible return—typically one to three years—to their home school district.

CHILD is an Approved Non Public Agency by Washington State OSPI and Accredited by AdvancED



How It Works

The CHILD Way: We focus on identifying barriers and developing solutions for children who are the most challenged—those vulnerable to failure in school, at home and in life.

- We meet each child where they are, so we can effectively customize learning and supports for the greatest possible success.
- We help children learn what blocks and frustrates them, and our dedicated staff guide students to express how they feel and how to effectively get their needs met.
- Our team of teachers and specialists is experienced and expertly trained to provide the needed supports for your child, operating from the belief that “every moment counts.”
- We foster an intimate community of children, families, health professionals and educators.
- We stand for success for all children.

Our Mission

To provide innovative school programs and therapies that promote social, emotional and academic development for children with special needs.



CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE
for Learning Differences
Est. 1977

Therapeutic Day School

Individualized Instruction
Mental Health Services
Speech and Language
Occupational Therapy
Grades K-12



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Learning Differences (CHILD)

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Success

We are a regional specialty school for children with emotional, social and behavioral challenges.

Since 1977, we have successfully educated children with a range of conditions that interfere with learning including:

Behavioral difficulties
Inability to self-regulate
Anxiety
Impulsivity
Disorganization
Communication deficits
Inflexible thinking
Sensory Processing Disorders



Skills

In addition to academics and integrated therapeutic supports, CHILD's school programs specialize in teaching self-regulation, social emotional learning skills and coping tools to children with special needs.

"He has never talked about school this way EVER! Even though he has challenges every day, he doesn't feel like a failure. He has self-esteem. He has confidence in himself as a student."

~S.Z., Parent

Individualized Instruction

Small class size and very high teacher to student ratio ensures focused instruction. Classroom lessons and integrated mental health supports are customized based on your child's strengths and challenges.

Individualized instruction builds essential new skills to work through challenging behavior, so your child can learn, grow and succeed.

Why Choose CHILD School?

Using an empathy-based, non-punitive approach with your child we repair trust, boost self-esteem and practice skills. We help your child grow beyond the struggles that block their readiness for learning and connecting with their world.

We think our students are a different kind of gifted and we nurture those precious gifts every day.

"I am amazed daily how well he is doing, how caring and compassionate staff are, and how much he LOVES going to school each day!" ~M.S., Parent



Your child can succeed.

We can help.

We invite you to schedule a tour to visit our campus. To inquire about Admissions, contact us at

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