

PHILOSOPHY

In 1971, CHC LEARNING CENTER, was developed by parents who desired a community based program for children with multiple disabilities.

Today, CHC continues to provide quality educational programming which responds to the cognitive, physical, social and emotional needs of children with multiple disabilities and special health care needs.

CHC LEARNING CENTER is committed to the belief that all children, regardless of the type or degree of disability, are valued individuals who grow, develop, and learn. CHC structures student programming around the philosophy that growth and development varies from person to person and therefore, each child needs an individualized approach to programming and delivery of services.

CHC recognizes the need for support for the families of children with disabilities and the benefits to child and family when services are truly comprehensive and integrated.



Sara and her Mom are cheerleaders extraordinaire!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For over forty years CHC LEARNING CENTER, a program of The Center for Handicapped Children, Inc. has served the needs of students with multiple disabilities and their families. During that time hundreds of lives have been touched with an emphasis on improving the quality of life and a genuine respect for the dignity of all individuals. Families and caregivers, dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and generous benefactors have truly come together to make a difference.

CHC is funded in part by New York State Education Department, County Departments of Health, and school districts in the Western New York region. This funding also provides transportation to and from school.

The Early Intervention Program is a state wide program administered by the NYS Department of Health and the County Department of Health. If you would like more information about early intervention services available for children under the age of three contact :

Erie County (716) 858-6161
Niagara County (716) 278-1691

As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency, CHC is eligible to receive donations, grants, and bequests to assist us in our mission

For more information on how you can help call
(716) 831-8422

"Together We Make A Difference"

A copy of the latest annual report can be obtained from CHC or from the Attorney General by writing the Charities Bureau,

120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

CHC is committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity for all employees and to providing employees with a work environment free of discrimination and harassment.



CHC LEARNING CENTER

The Center For Handicapped Children, Inc.



With wide open eyes and a big smile, Hashim invites you to

Learn more about his school!

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Alvin and Miss Judy have so much fun learning together!

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention services and assessments are available through CHC LEARNING CENTER. Evaluation teams include a special education teacher, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, and a speech/language pathologist.

Early Intervention services are available from CHC as home based or center based programs, depending on the student's needs. In the early childhood classroom, students have access to the same programming, staff, and services as other students attending CHC.

For more information about early intervention services contact CHC.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Through the use of daily communication notebooks, phone calls and monthly newsletters, CHC staff stay in close contact with the parents and caregivers of students. Staff members are available to attend medical, feeding and wheelchair clinic appointments with families and caregivers and act as a consistent advocate for students. In turn, families contribute updates about student performance at home and within various community settings. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to visit CHC and are often invited to special events and functions.



Olivia loves it when her Mom and sister come to school!



Music programs at school bring great joy and delight to Malachi!

SUPPORT SERVICES

Occupational, Speech and Language, and Physical Therapies are available to all students at CHC LEARNING CENTER. Licensed therapists and pathologists assess the student and work cooperatively with the teacher and family to enable the child to interact with their environment to the fullest extent possible.

Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses are also available on-site to provide routine medical care as well as emergency medical care, support and information to families and staff members.

CHC also provides space for vision therapists and music therapists to provide services for students. Wheelchair clinics are held at school on a regular basis. CHC belongs to several professional organizations that support the education and growth of students with multiple disabilities. Staff attend conferences, workshops, and in-service training to provide the students with the most encompassing programming possible.



Ye and his teacher Miss Wendy enjoy many great moments together!

CENTER BASED PROGRAM

CHC LEARNING CENTER provides educational and therapeutic programming for pre-school and school age children (infant to 21 years of age). Classes are small and structured to meet the individual needs of students with multiple disabilities. Certified special education teachers and educational aides staff each classroom.

CHC is located in Amherst, New York. The twelve month program is available five days a week and follows the regular school calendar. A 6-week summer program in an air-conditioned facility is offered each year. Part-time enrollment is available to pre-school students.

Transportation is provided on a daily basis at no cost to the family.

CHC supports the philosophy that every child has the right to be educated in the least restrictive, most normalized environment possible. As part of this environment, volunteers from area colleges and high schools are a vital part of the program.