



school program

## about ncc

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National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) was founded in 1957 by families concerned about the lack of community-based services for children with mental retardation. As our first students matured, we opened adult programs to meet their new needs. We also started serving people with other developmental disabilities including cerebral palsy, autism and Down syndrome.

We opened our Northwest Campus in Washington, DC in 1961 for our first school and residential programs, and we reached capacity within two months. We added two building wings in the early 1970s to meet a growing community need. In 1995, we opened our Southeast Campus in Washington, DC to better serve children and families who wanted services in and near their neighborhoods. Our Maryland Campus—located in Silver Spring, Maryland—was opened in 2004 for Maryland children and youth.

Every day at NCC, we serve more than 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**our mission** is to provide a lifetime of opportunities for people in our community with developmental disabilities to live full, meaningful and productive lives.

**our vision** is that people with developmental disabilities will have every resource to learn, grow, live and thrive in our community, which fully includes and embraces them as valued and contributing members.

**our programs** include early intervention, school, employment, residential and adult day.

**our values** are quality services, ethical practices, fiduciary integrity, diversity, respect, dignity and self-determination.

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## our services

## who we serve

Our students benefit from the following services\*

- IEP development
- Individualized educational instruction and behavior programs
- Low student-teacher ratios
- Individual and group occupational, physical, speech/language and mental health therapies
- Multidisciplinary team approach and service coordination
- Medical, nursing and nutrition services
- Computer-based instruction
- Total communication and augmentative communications training
- Electives and physical education classes
- Social, daily living and independent living skills training
- Vocational training and work experiences
- Transition services for graduating students
- Wheelchair accessible facilities and playgrounds
- Regular activities and outings such as the NCC carnival, prom, holiday celebrations and community-based activities

\*Some vary by campus. Please call to confirm specific services by location.

Our School Program provides educational and related services to more than 150 children and youth with developmental disabilities.

Our students are referred through the public school and child welfare systems in the District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George's, and Wicomico Counties; and Baltimore City and County.

At our Northwest and Southeast campuses, we serve children and youth, 6 to 22 years old, with mental retardation, autism, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, hearing and visual impairments, emotional disturbance, cerebral palsy and brain injuries. At our Maryland Campus, we serve students, 12 to 21 years old, with mental retardation, autism and multiple disabilities.

Some of our students are born with developmental disabilities while others develop them as a result of illness, accident, abuse or neglect. Sometimes, the cause is never known.

At NCC, our services are tailored to the specific needs of each person. Many of the people we serve will require services throughout their lives, and our programs are designed to meet their every need, each step of the way.

## school program

National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) operates three schools for children and youth with developmental disabilities in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

Our innovative educational and related services—developmentally appropriate curricula, classroom activities, therapeutic interventions and community experiences—ensure that our students receive an education and transition to their neighborhood school or adulthood with the highest level of independence possible.

Each student works toward goals in an Individualized Educational Plan/Program (IEP), which is developed and updated by the student, his or her parent/guardian and an interdisciplinary team of professionals. Each child's success is measured by progress made in attaining these IEP goals.

NCC employs a staff of highly qualified professionals. Teachers, teacher assistants, psychologists, physical and occupational therapists, case managers, speech/language pathologists, IEP and transition coordinators, life skills instructors and nurses work as a team to provide comprehensive services. Psychiatrists, neurologists and

other medical specialists are consulted as needed.

Specialized services, such as speech/language, occupational and physical therapies, ensure students succeed. We also offer mental health services and provide educational services for children who have mental health diagnoses in addition to developmental disabilities. Many of our students are in foster care or other out-of-home placements, and we work closely with child welfare agencies.

Students benefit from our low student-teacher ratios. Each classroom is staffed with a certified teacher and at least one teacher assistant. Teachers vary educational approaches using visual, auditory and kinesthetic methods. Functional academics and life skills are taught, such as pedestrian safety, making purchases, paying bills, meal preparation and cooking, independent travel and household cleaning tasks.

Older students (14 years old and up) have the option of participating in weekly life skills classes and can choose from electives including photography, horticulture, cooking, music and chorus. Some secure part-time jobs in the community.

