

In Parents' Words ...



"Mary Cariola staff is a great team. Every day they give the best and work with the heart.

Mary Cariola's team has been essential to Miguel's development in recent months. The commitment and professionalism of them has made possible our dreams of hearing Miguel say his name. Thank you very much."

— Sergio Luis Hernández-Morales,
Miguel's parent



"What great freedom we have in knowing that our child is in an environment surrounded by people

who love and cherish him for all his capabilities."

— Julie & Ron LaDeau,
Ethan's parents



Mary Cariola Children's Center is the regional leader in personalized, interdisciplinary, evidenced-based education and life skill solutions that inspire and empower individuals and the families of those with complex disabilities.

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CHILDREN'S CENTER

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Preschool Program

Serving children 3-5 years of age
Full day and half day (AM & PM)
Monday through Friday

Magic happens every day at Mary Cariola Children's Center

Since 1949, thousands of children and young adults with complex disabilities have been served by Mary Cariola Children's Center.

Loving and guiding each child

- NYS-approved program providing preschool special education services at no cost to families
- NYS Certified Teachers and trained Teaching Aides
- Certified and Licensed Therapists—Speech, Occupational, Physical, Vision, and Behavioral—available for each child as needed
- Certified Music Therapists and Social Workers for all children
- NYS Registered and Licensed Nursing staff available for each child as needed
- Standards-based Common Core Curriculum with evidenced-based practices



Customizing programs based on each student's abilities

- MCCC Preschool students typically have multiple and complex diagnoses including autism, developmental disabilities, and fragile medical challenges
- Each child has an Individualized Education Program
- Integrated professional collaboration (teachers, therapists, and social workers) provide each child with appropriate and necessary supports
- Intensive behavioral intervention supports and applied behavior analysis programming (ABA)
- Adaptive equipment is available for any child needing in-school specialized support
- Cutting-edge technology—utilized in each classroom—includes Tobii Dynavox, eye gaze systems, iPads, touch screen computers and Smart Boards

Putting students first

- Safe, spacious campus
- Warm, loving environment
- Indoor/Outdoor playgrounds
- Well-equipped therapy spaces
- Newly renovated Snoezelen Room

Involving families

- Each family is assigned a Social Worker who works on their behalf
- *Proud Parents:* Mary Cariola's parent group provides information and resource sharing
- MCCC works with parents to determine the best placement possible after the child's graduation from our Preschool Program

