

Prospective Families

Anderson Center for Autism serves **CHILDREN** 5-21 on our residential campus located two hours north of New York City. We also serve **ADULTS** 21 and over in surrounding communities. Anderson welcomes student referrals from all corners of the globe. Contact our admissions team today and find out how you can join our community!



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Children's Services

Practical LifeLong LearningSM opportunities tailored to each student, supported for life. Anderson Center for Autism's (ACA) students (ages 5 to 21) exhibit a wide range of skills and abilities, with moderate-to-severe learning, communicative, and behavioral challenges. The Children's Program, in tandem with LifeLong LearningSM skill-building opportunities, meets these daily challenges with the core foundation of trust, safety, wellness, well-being, and expertise.

The Admissions Process

We understand the challenges you may have encountered in getting to this point as a parent or guardian. More importantly, we understand how difficult this decision is for any family. Our admissions team create an atmosphere of compassionate support and cultivate effective communication with clear information on the options available to help you and your loved one successfully navigate this journey. Our process includes an interview, a comprehensive overview of all programs and supports provided from school and day programs to residential living and transitional services, and a tour of our 100-acre campus. ACA operates on a continuous 12-month program, accepting referrals for individuals throughout the United States and internationally.

Case Management

ACA's Case Managers are a collaborative entity between you and your loved one's treatment team. Under the supervision of the Family Liaison, they support ongoing communication to promote quality of life outcomes you strive for. Case Managers are your loved one's primary advocate at ACA. They help nurture independence with compassion and stand beside you through this often difficult journey. Know the Case Manager is your link in the LifeLong LearningSM process at ACA.

Anderson Family Partners

Anderson Family Partners (AFP) is our community of families and guardians of individuals served by ACA. They are committed to our mission of optimizing the quality of life for people with autism through their passion and involvement. AFP works together to build strong interactions with one another and our program. AFP is connected and engaged with our ACA population, family members, and ACA staff. AFP knows that their loved one is your loved one too. AFP works in partnership with ACA in community outreach, advocacy, and fundraising efforts. Make joining AFP your first act of engagement.

Education Program

Mirroring New York State educational standards and incorporating an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) model, goals and objectives are identified for each student that target life skills domains including communication, social interaction, organization, and independence. Proactive support strategies reinforce learning and increasingly challenge students as they develop new skills. Certified special educators, behavior specialists/analysts, and speech and occupational therapists provide collaborative, interdisciplinary classroom instruction and expertly blend educational, environmental, and sensory supports into a seamless therapeutic milieu. Technology in the classroom such as iPads and interactive whiteboards provide a rich learning environment to better shape the learning process. Student progress and learning milestones are shared with families and school districts through quarterly reports, annual and alternate assessments, meetings, phone conversations with Case Managers or Teachers, email correspondence, and additional outreach. Our team members celebrate each victory along the way with the child and their family.



Our admissions team is ready to hear from you. We can tell you about our program, answer questions, and help you navigate the steps just by giving us a call or sending an email.



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Residential Program

We can never replace home, but we can provide a nurturing environment where your child can express his or herself freely, learn and grow without inhibition, and be accepted and supported by peers, staff, and the larger community. The Anderson Village provides a secure community-driven environment to meet the diverse needs of our children. This ensures a comfortable living experience that encourages further development of life and social skills outside the classroom. Residential staff are specially trained to understand each child as a unique individual and to work with them utilizing principle of ABA. Family connections are vital to the development and happiness of our students. ACA encourages healthy family relationships via private family visits at our on-campus Family Visiting Centers, events for families, and home visits whenever possible.

After School Program

After school activities provide opportunities for enrichment outside the classroom in a variety of recreational and interest-specific arenas. These after school activities change as interests of the students evolve.

Anderson Athletics

Being part of a team fosters comradery. It motivates people to develop their body and mind and offers the chance to be recognized for one's abilities. Anderson Athletics empowers our children and adults to accomplish great things, bringing life experiences that help our individuals show their innate talent, focus, dedication, and strength with guidance and encouragement of our volunteer coaches and support staff. Go Blue Knights!

Behavioral Services

The Children's Behavioral Services department uses evidence-based practices of Applied Behavior Analysis to build skills and reduce challenging behaviors. Our team includes Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and NYS Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA) and supports the professional development of the entire behavioral services team to meet these credentials. Beyond our daytime behavioral services staff we also employ Residential Behavior Specialists to help coach our residential teams on behavioral analytic supports for evenings and weekends.

Health and Related Services

Nursing: Our nursing team consists of Registered Nurses, Professional Assistants, and Medical Drivers. Each RN has a specific caseload and is responsible for overseeing medical care and treatment of the children we serve. The RN's collaborate with support staff, families, and community based physicians from Albany to Westchester to provide routine and/or emergency care services. We also contract with local physicians who provide in-house medical care once per week.

Speech- Language Therapy: Our speech - language services are designed to foster and enhance the communicative and social functioning development of our students. They are designed to optimize individuals' ability to communicate, thereby improving quality of life and ability to engage in the community. The ultimate goal of therapy is to improve an individual's functional outcomes. Services can focus on improving verbal abilities, learning and maintaining alternative methods of communication, and advancing social/ pragmatic skills.

Occupational Therapy: Based on an assessment of each individual as a "whole person," our occupational therapy services address the sensory, fine motor, interpersonal, cognitive, and environmental factors that impact an individual's ability to function in school, play/leisure, and self-care. Occupational therapy services promote functional abilities and engagement in daily routines.

Physical Therapy: Physical therapy services help students who have difficulties with navigating the school environment successfully from a physical standpoint. Physical therapists work on improving gait, balance, strength, endurance, posture, and coordination. Services focus on facilitating higher level gross motor skills and improving overall physical abilities to assist the student with more efficient participation in educational activities.

To learn more about our services, please visit: www.andersoncenterforautism.org/prospectivefamilies



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