



American Psychological Association

...selected the Teaching-Family Model as a “Model Program in Service Delivery in Child and Family Mental Health.”

A Report of the Surgeon General

Named Teaching-Family Model one of only two “therapeutic group homes” that are “conducive to learning social and psychological skills.”



Evidence-Based Means

- Research Based
- Training Protocol that teaches measurable program techniques
- Evaluation Protocol
- System of successful Replication

As a Teaching Family Association Sponsor site, the Garfield Park Academy can sponsor residential facilities and schools in implementation of the Teaching-Family Model.

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The Garfield Park Academy is a non-profit organization.



A division of Therapeutic Learning Center, Inc.

The Premier Therapeutic School

A school for children with learning and emotional challenges



EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAM

Garfield Park Academy has adapted the Teaching-Family Model to a school-based setting.

The Teaching-Family Model is an evidence-based program as reported by the American Psychological Association in Psychology Matters.

A positively based cognitive behavioral program — not a band-aid on behavior — which focuses on helping the students develop appropriate social skills to replace poor ones developed over time

The first school-based program to be certified by the Teaching Family Association (an international organization) in use of the Teaching-Family Model. GPA can also sponsor other school or residential sites for certification.



An International Organization

ELEMENTS OF THE THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM

Certified School Social Worker in each class—6.5 hours of access to their children —

Only work with the children in their class

Minimum classroom staff ratio of 3 to 1

2 Psychiatrists

3 full-time Nurses

Neuro / Bio-feedback Therapy

Speech / Language Therapy

Stress Management Program

Art Therapy

Reading and Math Specialists

An integrated/individualized program

Resource Intensive Environment

Continuous weekly in-service training for staff

Beginning Equine Assisted Psychotherapy / Learning

Free training for public school district bus staff on successfully working with emotionally challenged children.

ELEMENTS OF THE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Minimum staff ratio of 3 to 1

Teaching to individualized learning abilities

Accredited by the Middle States Association

Parent Education Program

Parent Support Groups

School-to-Career Program, Students who work during the day

Guidance Counselor

Vocational Programs Approved by the State Dept of Vocational Education (rare for a private alternative school):

- Cosmetology
- Carpentry
- Horticulture
- Retail Trades
- Culinary Arts
- Automotive Technology

One of the few private special education schools accredited by the Middle States Association