

Garfield Park Academy is the first school-based program in the nation to be **certified by the Teaching Family Association**. The Model has been selected by the American Psychological Association as a "Model Program in Service Delivery in Child and Family Mental Health."

*"As the nation's only accredited school-based program, Garfield Park Academy represents the gold standard in positive behavioral supports for students with disabilities. Their commitment to excellence is unsurpassed."*

- Someone from Teaching Family, with his/her title

## Clinical and Therapeutic Services

With nearly 20 years of successful experience providing therapeutic educational services to children with disabilities, Garfield's program integrates a wide array of clinical services:

- Psychiatric support
- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluations
- Intensive individual counseling
- Family counseling
- Clinical social work services
- Speech and language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Equine therapy
- Art therapy
- Music therapy
- Stress management
- Neuro/bio feedback

## Direct Services to School Districts

Garfield Park Academy offers customized and flexible support services to local school districts and can provide many of the same therapeutic and educational services it offers to its students, including tutoring and homebound instruction, on a consulting or contract basis.

School districts should **contact us directly** for more information.

Located in a quiet residential neighborhood west of the Delaware River, Garfield Park Academy's campus is just off Route 295 between Cherry Hill and Trenton. Our central location, minutes from Route 276, Route 95, Route 130, Route 206, the New Jersey Turnpike and the Burlington Bristol Bridge allows us to serve students from as far north as Somerset County to as far south as Salem and Atlantic Counties.

Garfield Park Academy is one of only a handful of special education private schools to earn **accreditation from the Middle State's Association**, America's premier regional accreditation agency. The Association recognizes excellence in educational quality, planning, and growth in student performance and provides rigorous standards of educational quality.

*"Garfield Park Academy has consistently demonstrated clinical excellence in its service to students with complex educational, behavioral and emotional needs and their families."*

- John Lestino, President of the New Jersey School Psychologists Association

Garfield Park Academy is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and accepts students from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

We work closely with sending districts to help prepare student to return to public school services, whenever appropriate.

Most of our students are placed by local school districts, in which case our program and services are **offered at no cost to families**. Garfield Park Academy also accepts students on private tuition.



For more information, please contact Garfield Park Academy or visit our website to view our school in action.

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**Effective, evidence-based education for students in grades K-12 with learning, social, emotional and behavioral challenges**

**Education... for a Lifetime**

# Effective, evidence-based special education for students with learning, social, emotional and behavioral challenges in a family-like environment.



## We believe every child can be a success story

Students come to Garfield Park Academy with many labels - Attention Deficit, Hyperactivity, Depression, Bipolar, Oppositional Defiant, Autism and Aspergers, just to name a few. But when they leave our school - whether to go back to a public school or as a graduate - they have one label in common: *successful!*

Garfield Park Academy is a New Jersey state approved, private, not-for-profit school that provides effective, evidence-based special education services for students in grades K-12 who have a history of learning, social, emotional and behavioral challenges. Our comprehensive services and programs are designed to 'wrap around' each student and his or her family to ensure success, not just in college or work, but also in life.

What sets us apart is our highly-qualified, dedicated staff and our unending commitment to therapeutic, clinical intervention. All of our work is based on cutting edge educational research and best practice.

Our **Elementary and Middle School** provide a safe, supportive and positive environment for students aged 5-14. A highly qualified, certified teacher and two instructional aids work together with no more than 10 students in each classroom. Our comprehensive curriculum includes lab sciences, social studies, health and physical education, and can be modified to challenge every student, including those who are gifted. Small classes, individual attention and evidence-based instruction allow our students to succeed where they previously struggled.



Many students come to us with significant delays in reading and math. Our staff are trained to use research-based programs, including Orton-Gillingham®, Lindamood-Bell®, The Language Experience® and other proven instructional methods addressing decoding, fluency, pragmatic language and comprehension. Students learn math through hands-on manipulative activities designed to get them involved.

Our **High School** has a comprehensive state-approved curriculum of academic, vocational, social and life skills that prepares students for adult life-not just for college or a job. Our clinical services support students through the challenging years of adolescence and young adulthood.

For the college-bound, we offer application assistance, test prep and support, as well as college scholarships. Students can also receive counseling services for a full year after they start college, to ensure a smooth transition.

Our State-approved **Vocational Program** is one of the most successful in the state, offering courses designed to assist students in job placement during school years and beyond. Many of our programs are nationally-recognized and renowned.



We offer:

- Auto mechanics
- Culinary arts
- Cosmetology
- Horticulture
- Carpentry
- Electronics
- Independent daily living
- Retail and business education
- Cooperative work training at local businesses

## Positive Behavior Supports

We use **The Teaching Family Model**, an internationally recognized behaviorally-based program, to provide emotional and behavioral support to our students.

We collect data for each student throughout the day and across settings to identify the root cause of a student's ineffective behavior. The program relies on the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA), and offers positive cognitive behavioral supports to ensure that each student learns new, more appropriate ways to solve problems.

Students also learn relaxation and stress control techniques. Our biofeedback/neurofeedback program uses sophisticated equipment and game-based software to help students develop greater self-awareness and self-control.

Every moment in the school day is a chance to learn. A masters level certified school social worker is in each classroom to help support positive change and to capitalize on opportunities to learn new social skills and problem solving right then and there- not hours or days later.



**Our highly successful Conflict Resolution Program – taught daily in each class – provides students a solid background in peer mediation, helping them make the right choices and decisions.**