Special Needs Child Care Consultation

Applewood Centers provides on-site consultation services to any Cuyahoga County in-home or child care center provider, including School Age Child Care (SACC) programs, day camps, kinder programs, preschools and toddler programs.

The Special Needs Child Care Consultation program is lead by licensed professionals who specialize in behavioral healthcare for children and teens. It is offered through the Cuyahoga County Invest in Children and Starting Point for Child Care and Early Education programs. This consultation service aims to increase and improve special needs child care through specialized training for providers, parents and caregivers.

How the Program Works

Special Needs Child Care Consultation is for any child up to age 12 who is enrolled in a child care program and has a special need. A special need includes physical, behavioral, developmental, mental or emotional needs that put a child at risk for being suspended or expelled from a child care program. Some examples of behaviors we help treat include Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), bipolar disorder, hitting or other aggressive behaviors, tantrums, eating disorders, anxiety and depression. Our therapists teach the child care providers and parents the tools to effectively work with children who have these issues.

Services are provided on-site, where an Applewood Centers therapist can interact with the child, observe his/her behavior, obtain feedback from providers and parents, and work with child care providers on methods to improve behaviors. As a team, we create a plan for the child to help him/her succeed in the program in which they are enrolled. Our therapists provide a variety of activities and strategies to help the child assimilate through:

- Learning self-control
- Enhancing self-esteem
- Learning how to properly express feelings
- Strengthening positive behavior
- Learning how to get along with peers

How to Make a Referral

To make a referral or obtain additional information about how Special Needs Child Care Consultation services might be beneficial for a young child you know, please call us at the number below. Our professionals will talk with you confidentially about your concerns and determine if this program would be a good fit.

Contact: 216-521-6511
Office Locations

JONES CAMPUS
3518 West 25th Street
Cleveland, OH 44109-1995
216-741-2241 / fax 216-459-9821

CHILDREN’S AID SOCIETY CAMPUS
10427 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44102-1645
216-521-6511 / fax 216-521-6006

LORAIN COUNTY OFFICE
Midway Plaza Building
347 Midway Boulevard, Suite 306
Elyria, OH 44035
440-324-1300 / fax 440-324-0070

About Applewood Centers

Applewood Centers is a private, non-profit agency providing behavioral health services to children and youth from birth to age 21, and their families. Services are provided from our offices, at clients’ schools, and in your home.

At Applewood Centers we are dedicated to helping youth and their families address a variety of behavioral, emotional, and learning problems. We provide a continuum of care from outpatient counseling and psychiatry services to residential treatment.

Our community-based services include foster care, adoption, and The Gerson School, which is a co-educational alternative day school for students who have not been successful in standard educational settings.

How to Reach Applewood Centers

GENERAL INFORMATION
Cuyahoga County 216-696-5800 | Lorain County 440-324-1300 | www.applewoodcenters.org

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT - INTAKE
Phone 216-741-2241 ext. 1011 or 1721
Fax 216-741-2632
Email referrals@applewoodcenters.org

PSYCHIATRY SERVICES 216-696-6983
BECOME A FOSTER PARENT 216-696-6815
BILINGUAL SERVICES 216-741-2241
THE GERSON SCHOOL 216-694-7200

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