

About PLC

The Preschool Primary Learning Center (PLC) strives to provide a comprehensive instructional program through individualized learning and consistent structure for students' ages 3-12 on the Autism Spectrum or with severe language impairment. Through the use of Developmental Therapy and SCERTS models, PLC incorporates visual aids and static visual cueing, functional academics and life skills curriculum, and the development of play and social skills by providing 1:1 and small group instruction.

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Preschool-Primary Learning Center

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A regional Special Education program for children ages 3-13 who fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder continuum or who exhibit severe language impairment.



Program Overview

- The Preschool-Primary Learning Center (PLC) is a regional special education program for children ages 3-13 who fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder continuum or who exhibit severe language impairment. PLC is a highly structured program for children who require alternative programming from their local school district programs.
- PLC offers intensive positive behavioral support via use of structured environments and daily schedules, functional communication training, high use of static visual cueing and well-trained Lead/Support teaching teams.

What Parents Say

"I'm satisfied, comfortable, secure, confident and peaceful knowing my son is getting the appropriate education and that the staff is loving and caring. You provide a warm and safe environment."

"PLC has been an actualization of a parent's dream come true. The caring and nurturing atmosphere for a child and their family is above and beyond any expectation. The academic and social challenges are evolving with my child's needs and emerging development. The communication is very much a two-way street."

Program Highlights

- Staff to student ratio varies by groupings from 1:1 to 3:6
- Classroom size: 4 to 6 students
- Highly structured, predictable and supportive teaching environment
- High use of visual aides and static visual cueing
- Developmental curriculum
- Individualized programming
- Emphasis on social communication and emotional regulation as foundations for learning and relating
- Utilization of augmentative communication systems as needed
- Development of play and social skills
- Functional approach to problem behaviors
- Focus on transactional supports, inclusive of emotional and educational support for families (e.g., support groups, workshops, home visits)
- Range of related services
 - ❖ Speech-Language
 - ❖ Sensory Integration-Based O.T.
 - ❖ Physical Therapy

Length of Stay

PLC strives to return students to their local school districts. Each student's individual circumstances dictates his or her length of stay. The average length of stay is approximately 3 years.

The PLC Staff

The program staff includes a group of highly skilled special education teachers, teaching assistants, a clinical team consisting of social workers, nurses, speech pathologists, BCBAs, occupational and physical therapists as well as secretarial and administrative personnel.

Program Philosophy

The program utilizes a broad knowledge base of eclectic approaches including the SCERTS model and Developmental Therapy. Children are grouped homogeneously by social-emotional stages. The staff to student ratio, daily schedule, length of group time, and behavior management strategies chosen all coincide with the students' social-emotional stages. PLC makes strong use of socialpragmatic language instruction and structured systematic teaching.

