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Annual
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HIGH SCHOOL

ADULT PROGRAM

North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency

Executive Director's Message

2021

In 2020, the North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency met the coronavirus challenges and continued to provide excellent special educational, therapeutic, medical, vocational, and social programs.

We worked with state and local agencies to protect our children, adult clients and staff from the virus. Despite the quarantines we accomplished our mission to be the finest educational and therapeutic agency serving children and adults with multiple disabilities in Northern New Jersey.

We want to thank Chairman Marc-Allyn Gloriande, his officers, committee members, and all of the Trustees for their leadership of our dynamic programs. Your volunteer service and expertise in all areas of budgeting, personnel, and facilities are greatly appreciated.

To the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee, under the leadership of President Marge Theobald, we offer our admiration for your 50/50 raffle fundraisers that provided the resources necessary for facility renovations and program growth.

We appreciate your funding of our new therapy room and the extra efforts of Treasurer Ken Low for supervising the project with us. Your strong financial support and selfless efforts make the future bright for our special children and adults.

Special thanks, also, to the staff and our generous donors on the "Drive By" Tricky Tray Committee for an excellent fundraising event. The Committee obtained gift baskets, sold raffle tickets and volunteered their time for the Saturday, May 15th event.

Thank you to the Adult center parents for their "Go Fund Me" page to raise funds for our adult program. All of the funds raised from these events will provide special events and program services for our children and adults.

Our three program facilities benefited from grants from the Community Foundation of New Jersey and United Parcel Service (UPS).

The grants were used to purchase computers, I-Pads, and other technology that were especially useful for online instruction and therapy during the pandemic quarantines.

We are truly blessed to have an administrative team whose priority it is to meet the unique needs of our children and adults and maintain our agency's outstanding reputation.

For example, our auditors have complimented Dolores Miles, our Business Administrator, and our office staff for their accurate financial reports and overall business organization.

Child Study Teams from the 40 sending districts applaud our educational and therapeutic programs. Special thanks for the leadership and direction by Jennifer A. Miller, Principal, and Marianne Idenden, Vice Principal from our elementary school and Mary Fischer and Amy Hammond, Supervisors of Instruction, from our high school.

Also, our Adult Training Center under Lynne Delohery, Supervisor of Adult Services, has received praise from the clients, parents and the Division of Developmental Disabilities for excellent programs and client care under a difficult coronavirus environment.

Lynne replaced Stephanie Richvalsky who passed away suddenly last year and is greatly missed. We are thankful for the administrative team's high standards and goals of continuous agency improvement.

Speaking of changes, I am retiring after 43 years of service and ask you to join me in welcoming Rachel Herrington as the new director.



In closing, thanks goes to our staff, parents, and friends of our ever-evolving agency for your dedication and commitment to our special children and adults.

Working together, we taught our children and adult clients the skills that they will use for a lifetime.

Let us all celebrate the successes—despite the many challenges we faced together over this past year. Let us dedicate ourselves to even greater accomplishments in the future and join with me in supporting Rachel in her new role.

Dr. William G. Weiss
Executive Director

NJEDDA Administration Team



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Unique People Supporting Each Other As We Meet The Challenges of Life

2021



The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency is celebrating its 73rd year as a pioneer in the rehabilitation field for children and adults with special needs. Our programs are fashioned to meet the needs of each individual with developmental disabilities and our goal is to help encourage their independence and improve quality of life.

The agency currently serves 260 families from over 40 municipalities in Northern New Jersey. Our elementary and high schools are approved by the New Jersey Department of Education as private non-profit schools for children with multiple disabilities.

The NJEDDA Board of Trustees operates the agency. The Board of Trustees consists of concerned citizens who meet monthly to develop policies, provide fiscal oversight and program guidance to the administrative team. The Board has guided the agency through its years of growth into a comprehensive educational and therapeutic organization.

“Our mission is to advance the independence and to enrich the quality of life of individuals with disabilities by providing opportunities to challenge themselves to learn and grow emotionally and functionally in educational, therapeutic and vocational environments within an atmosphere of acceptance.”



School Districts Served by NJEDDA in 2021

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| Bayonne | North Arlington |
| Bergenfield | Orange |
| Cedar Grove | Parsippany |
| Clifton | Passaic |
| East Rutherford | Passaic Valley |
| Elmwood Park | Paterson |
| Fair Lawn | Pompton Lakes |
| Garfield | Prospect Park |
| Hackensack | Rutherford |
| Haledon | Secaucus |
| Harrison | Teaneck |
| Jersey City | Tenafly |
| Kearny | Twp. of Union |
| Lakeland Regional | Union City |
| Lyndhurst | Wayne |
| Mahwah | Weehawken |
| Manchester Regional | West Milford |
| Montville Twp. | West New York |
| Newark BOE | Woodridge |

NJEDDA is also licensed by or affiliated with the following state and local agencies:

- New Jersey Department of Education
- New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities
- New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency
- New Jersey Department of Health
- New Jersey Department of Human Services

Passaic County Board of County Commissioners
 Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD)
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 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
 Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
Referrals for possible placement within the programs are accepted from public school districts, parents, hospitals, physicians, or approved local or state agencies.

Professional Services



Adult Training Program

**Adaptive Equipment
& Brace Clinics**

**Computer Access /
Augmentive
Communication Lab**

**Day Class with
Full Academic
and Functional Program**

**Extended School
Year Program**

Family Life Education

**Gym / Adapted Physical
Education Program**

Health Education

Hearing Screenings

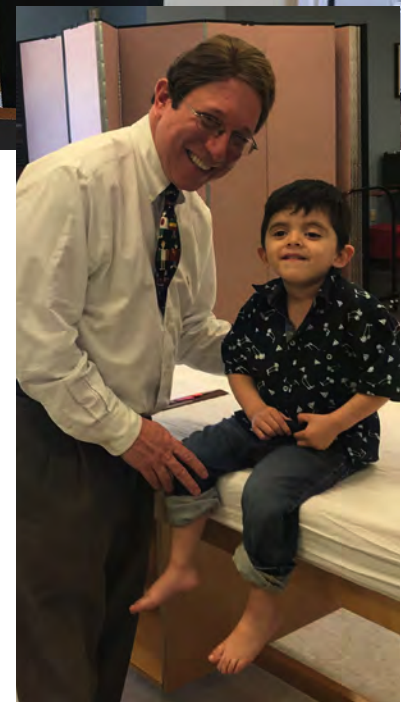
Job Coaching

Multidisciplinary Therapy

Music Programs



Senator Paul Sarlo receives ASAH Private Schools Legislator of the Year Award from Alex and Maya Dwek and Dr. William Weiss, NJEDDA Executive Director and ASAH President



Absolutely the best school, the best people, everyone so invested and so sincere! Couldn't have wished better experience for my daughter! THANK YOU, ALL!

Sanja Petrovic



Nursing Services

Occupational Therapy

Parent Support Group

Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Clinics

Pediatric Physiatry Clinics

Physical Therapy

Pre-School Program

Pre-Vocational / Vocational Instruction

Sensory Integration

Social Work Services

Speech & Language Therapy

Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Toddler Support Program

Vision Screenings



Toddler Program

Ages: 18 Month to 3 Years



Thanks to another generous donation from the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee and Board of Trustees, the FREE Special Toddler Playgroup began an eighth year of providing support and services to toddlers with special needs as well as their families. It is an innovative program for toddlers, ages 18 months to three years of age, who are already receiving physical therapy through NJ Early Intervention Services.

This program is a pioneer in providing a venue where parents can come to socialize and support each other through their journey of nurturing toddlers with special needs. **There is no other group like this in Northern New Jersey.** This playgroup is an adjunct for home-based intervention where toddlers can implement their individual goals in the form of guided play.

Activities are geared to enhance gross and fine motor skills as well as language and socialization. All children in the playgroup are eligible for the services that we provide to our students in the school programs i.e. medical clinics, equipment and bracing clinics, Parent Staff Organization and use of our Therapeutic Movement Room.

The program is staffed with a bilingual teacher, a physical therapist and speech and language therapist who consult in the program each day. A social worker provides consultation to those in need of community resources.

The Playgroup has an average enrollment of 20. The program is in session 3 mornings a week with about 8 toddlers attending each day.

We continue to receive many compliments from the community, i.e. physicians, Early Intervention home-based therapists and staff from St Joseph's University Hospital and Medical Center. Most important is that we have seen significant progress and growth in the toddlers. The parents are very appreciative.

Our Special Toddler Playgroup provides valuable resources and opportunities to toddlers with special needs and their families in our community.

My daughter goes to the Toddler Program and we are hoping she goes to school there when she turns three. They are great staff and professionals. They have been so helpful and kind to us. I am always recommending the Toddler Program to other parents. The program is so beneficial to our children and their parents.

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Pre-School Program

Ages: 3 to 5 Years



The preschool program features an exceptional educational and therapeutic team approach that best serves young children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

This therapeutic team consists of the classroom teacher, paraprofessionals, physical therapist, nurses, occupational therapist and speech/language therapist.

Team members work together in the classroom to assist students in all academic and therapeutic areas.

Our preschool program is designed to develop pre-reading readiness skills, communication, mobility, therapeutic feeding, socialization, sensory integration, play and art. Preschoolers also participate in adapted physical education, music, special assemblies and community outings.





Goals for this population are geared towards improving mobility, developing play skills, enhancing speech and language and helping the children to be successful students.

These three to five year olds are a special part of the elementary program who attend a full-day session, Monday through Friday. The team works closely with parents, physicians, specialists, and child study teams in order to best meet the children's individual needs. When the students reach age five, they move to an elementary classroom, if appropriate, as indicated in their Individual Educational Plans.

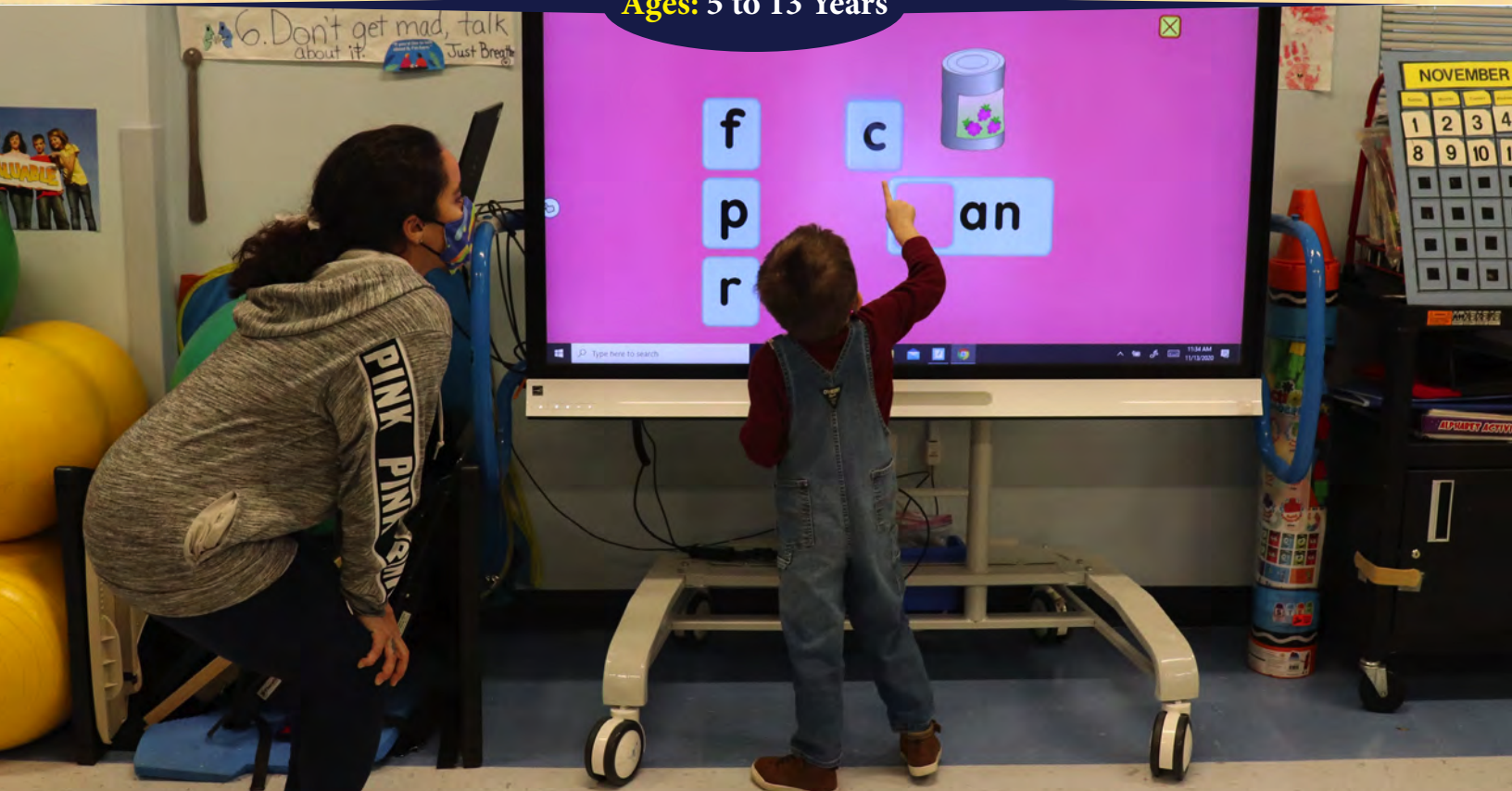
“My daughter has blossomed and matured so much since she has been attending NJED-DA. The teachers, staff and the therapist have been nothing but loving and patient with her.”

– Parent of R. Contreras



Elementary School Program

Ages: 5 to 13 Years



Our elementary school program provides instruction and therapy to students ages five through thirteen, who have a wide range of cognitive and physical disabilities. This special education program integrates academics, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy. Teachers and therapists work hand-in-hand to optimize our students' educational experience.

There are currently four primary groups, four primary-intermediate groups and four intermediate groups. Each class has a teacher, two teacher aides and a lunch aide. Some school districts provide 1:1 aides or nurses for a student, if indicated in his/her Individual Educational Plan. All teachers and therapists are certified by New Jersey Department of Education.

Our curriculum is aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Teachers and therapists use the unique curriculum to develop appropriate goals and objectives for each student.





Adapted physical education, music, pre-vocational activities, family life education and inclusion for special activities with local schools, enrich our students' overall education experience.

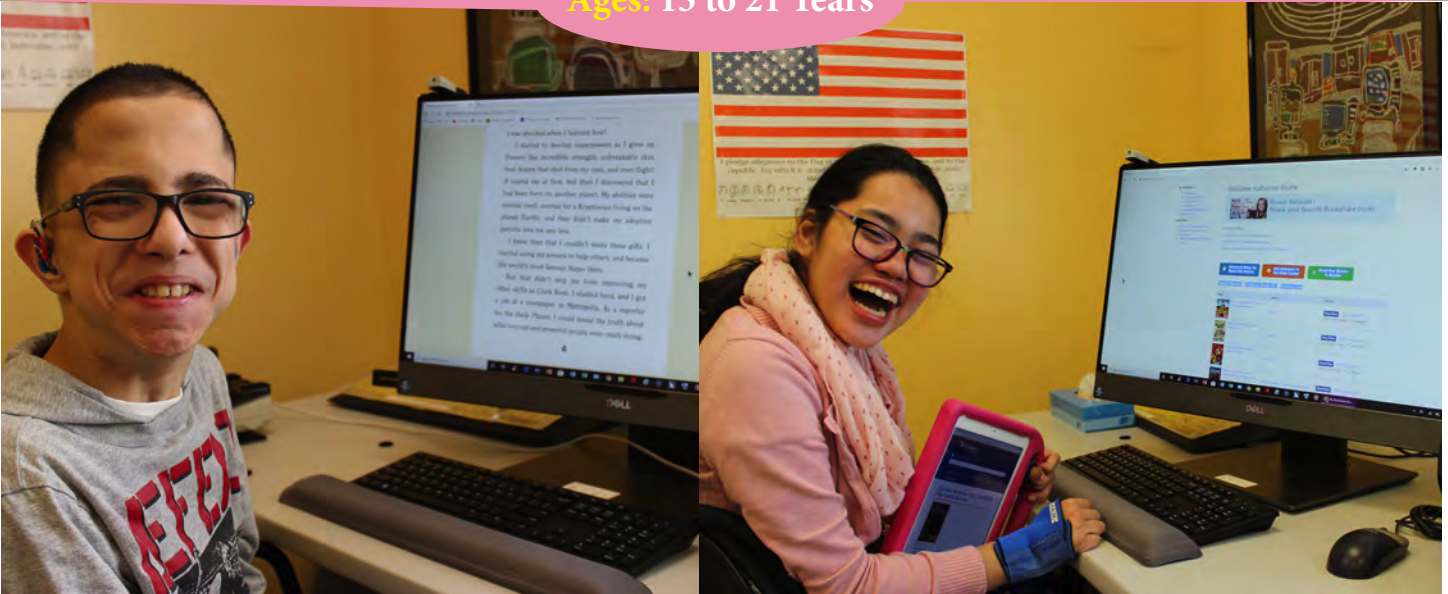
The nurses and social worker are an integral part of the school. They assist students and their families with the many medical and social services they need. Ongoing clinics with equipment suppliers, orthotists, pediatric orthopedic surgeon, pediatric neuro-developmental and pediatric physiatrists are also provided at regular intervals.

Some of the enrichment activities for the students include Special Olympics, monthly assemblies, Clifton library trips, class field trips, traveling farm animals, annual field day, parades and community outings. Our therapists also offer groups in ballet, karate, sign language, drama, dance, photography, equine skills, pet therapy and pre-vocational training.



High School Program

Ages: 13 to 21 Years



NJEDDA High School offers educational and therapeutic programs for multiply-challenged students, from teens to young adults.

Students receive instruction in Reading, Math, Language, Arts, Science, Social Studies, Gym, Music, Pre-vocational Areas and functional activities of daily living.

Instruction is focused on attaining the NJ Student Learning Standards. The high school is an approved site for the administration of state standardized testing.

Our team of talented teachers, therapists and para-professionals, all share a strong sense of caring for students in a disciplined and achievement-oriented environment. Students are challenged to achieve their personal best.

In the Computer Access and Augmentative Communication Lab, we evaluate the technological needs of our students and provide accessible means for them to benefit from technology.

Using software, hardware, augmentative communication devices and environmental control units, students develop written and verbal communication skills and problem-solving skills to access objects in their surroundings and for entertainment.





The Job Quest Program provides a community-based work experience. Students receive ongoing training with a job coach at community sites such as: CVS Pharmacy, Clifton Public Library, Clifton Recycling Center, Shop Rite

Supermarket and K-Mart in Botany Village. The goal of the program is to provide students with realistic vocational training which assist them in making career choices in the future as they graduate and move on in life.



The Life Skills program is a community-based learning initiative where students assimilate various real-life skills. These skills learned are exercised in their classroom and therapy sessions. The Life Skills students then venture into the school's surrounding neighborhood and visit shops, grocery stores, laundromats, beauty salons, museums, and movie theaters. They take public transportation whenever possible. Communication, money management, problem solving, and community mobility are integrated into each trip. Recently, the students transformed a classroom into a studio where they can apply many skills while simulating apartment living. These skills include housekeeping, food preparation, budgeting, and selecting appropriate leisure activities.

Adult Training Program

Ages: 21 to 55+ Years

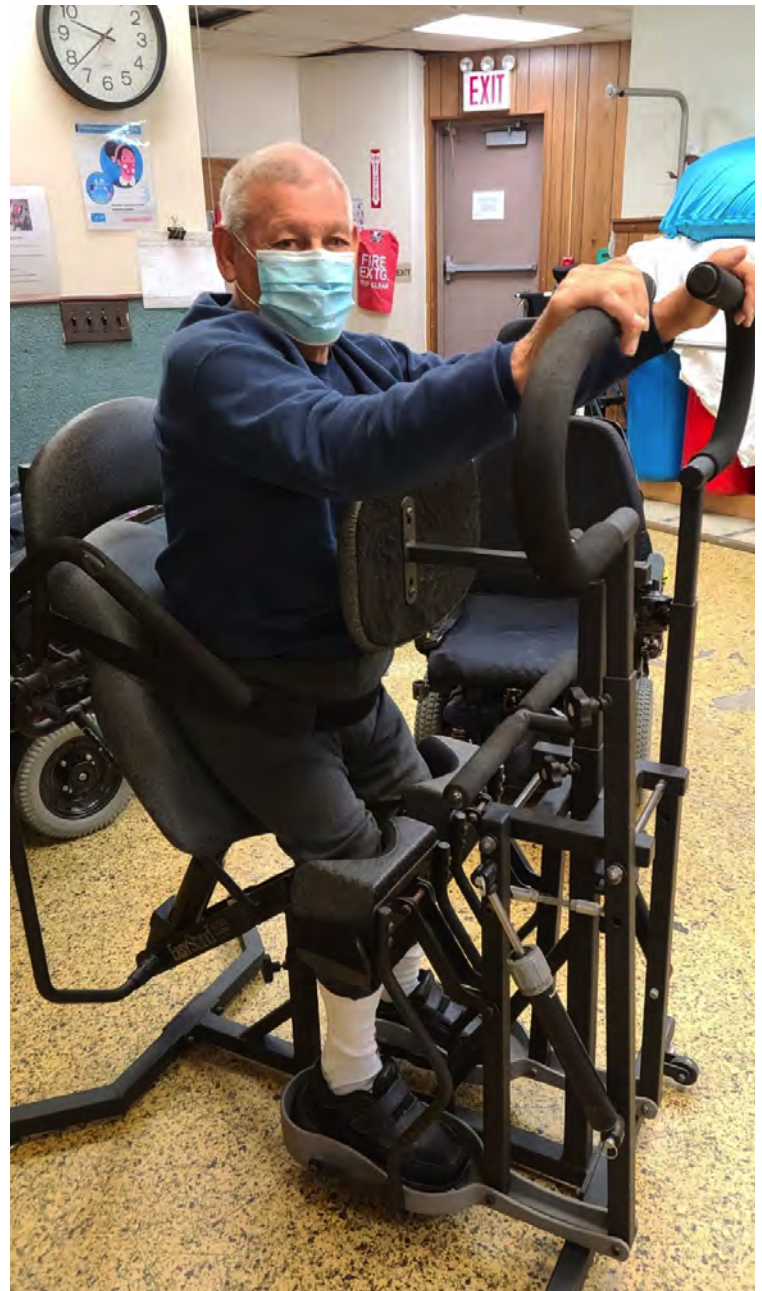


It is perhaps a huge understatement to say that 2020 was a year of many changes, both good and bad. Among those we faced was the loss of Stephanie Richvalsky who was our Adult Training Director for many years. Her decades of leadership, kindness and love of our clients and families was well known and much appreciated. While she will be missed, Stephanie will always be remembered fondly by our community.

The Adult Training Center Program incorporates independent living skills and socialization with work skills for employment training.

The Adult Program funded by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and Medicaid, provides a day program which includes work activities, nursing care, social services, physical, occupational and speech therapies, sensory integration, employment and volunteer opportunities and continuing adult education programs.

The goal is to focus on the abilities of the adult participants to maximize independent functioning. The Division of Developmental Disabilities (D.D.D.) and Support Coordinators provide referrals for our participants.





Therapy Services

NJEDDA offers a wide range of therapy services including physical, occupational and speech and language therapy as well as assistive technology.

Here is how these therapies are used in a typical day.



Physical Therapy

Physical Therapists assist students and adults in achieving their highest level of independent mobility. Through proper positioning and weight-bearing activities, they promote normal development of bones and muscles. Physical therapists utilize exercises, sensory activities, ambulation training, and adaptive equipment to help enable students and adults to reach their highest physical potential.



Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy describes such skills as play, self-care and being a successful student. Occupational therapists help each client to achieve optimal functional skills within their range of abilities to promote his/her highest level of functional independence. Occupational therapists are specialists in sensory integration hand function and vision/perception.

Speech and Language Therapy

Speech and Language Pathologists are responsible for diagnosis and therapeutic intervention in all areas of communication and feeding skills.

Speech and Language Pathologists utilize many methods of augmentative communication including sign language communication boards, and many forms of high and low technology. Screening procedures are also conducted for audiology and tympanometry.

Assistive Technology

Therapists and teachers, in a team approach, utilize many new and innovative forms of assistive technology. These include computers, adaptive switches, augmentative communication devices, feeding devices and power wheelchairs.

Teamwork Makes the Difference



Drive-By Tricky Tray May 15

The North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency is proud of our staff and our multidisciplinary spirit. For over seventy years, the Board of Trustees and Elks Special Children's Committee donated their time, energy and financial resources to help our agency to succeed. Working together, we are making a critical difference in the lives of our special children, adults and their families. Pictured here are photos of our staff as they get ready for our May 15, 2021 Drive-by Tricky Tray.



Chairperson's Message

2021

I have had the privilege to chair the Board of Trustees of NJEDDA for 2020-21. A harder, more dedicated group you would be hard pressed to find anywhere on God's green earth.

They have showered me with patience and good humor and have been supportive in all matters.

They have formulated unique and innovative responses to the many and unforetold challenges we face in our changed world.

They have been diligent in their oversight of the toddler program and pre-school, elementary school, high school and Adult Training Center. No easy task while contending with State mandated openings and closings, quarantining and frightening circumstances.

The crisis of the Adult Training Center is untangled for the foreseeable future. Thank you again Board of Trustees for assisting me during this past year Ernie, Anthony, John G, Gary, Keith, Mary Anne, Lisa, Rich, Frank, Nick, Jim, and John S. We are the arms of NJEDDA.

The Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee remain steadfast and tireless in the relentless job of continuously raising funds that we rely on to aid and support NJEDDA. We applaud all of them for their devotion. The new therapy wing would have remained a dream without their funding. They are the shoulders of NJEDDA.

Dr. Weiss' staffs, administrators, teachers, therapists, aides, nurses, business office and maintenance are stupendous performing a multitude of remarkable and extraordinary tasks on a daily



basis. They view their jobs not as just employment but rather a vocation even more now with the addition of online education and therapies. They are the soul of NJEDDA.

Our students and adult clients teach and inspire us. Witness the joy and love they express in everything, and we are deeply touched. They propel us to do more, work harder and provide better.

They are the heart of NJEDDA.

Dr. Weiss thank you very much for your guidance assisting me and the four decades of leadership at NJEDDA. Words cannot express our gratitude. Good luck and enjoy retirement. You will be sorely missed!! Dr. Weiss has been the eyes, ears and strength of NJEDDA.

I also want to thank the New Jersey Elks State Association for their unwavering support of our programs.

Our mission here has been sustained and has flourished through all the hardships possible since inception well over 70 years. The future looks no different; tests will be passed, trials overcome and dilemmas vanquished. Our people are our strength and the future is blinding in its brilliance. God bless everyone!

Marc-Allyn Gloriande
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Parents & Families Inspire Us



Our agency's mission is to bring our families, our children and adults and staff together to celebrate and support each other. We welcome parents and families to visit us during the program day so that they can understand our dynamic educational and therapeutic techniques.

Also, parents attend Individualized Educational Plan (I.E.P.) meetings and participate in the planning for their children.





Ken Low, Treasurer of the Special Children's Committee, did the honors.

Sept. 21, 2020

Despite the pandemic and other precautions, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 21, 2020 to officially open the new Therapy Wing at the Elementary School that was funded by the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee.

This year in all three of our facilities we enjoyed a variety of special family days and meetings with our parents. Our Open House days, holiday parties, International Days, concerts, assemblies, socials, awards and graduations are all exciting times for the staff to interact with family members.

The parents and staff send out special thanks to United Parcel Service (UPS) for the holiday gifts and the visit from Santa and the Holiday Express Band for their concerts in all three facilities. All of the events were well attended and created vivid, unique memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you parents, guardians, and siblings for sharing these events with us. You inspire us to greater levels of success!



I am so grateful not only for the teachers and staff helping my son but for also helping me. I see the love and care that goes into their work.

- Mother to L. Aspiazu

I have seen my daughter's progress not only at school but also at home these past few years since she started your school. I am very grateful to the therapist and teachers.

- Mother to K. Moya

President's Message

Dear Friends of the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee...

It has been my honor to serve as President of the Passaic County Elks Special Children's Committee this past year.

I would like to thank the Officers and members of the Committee for your dedication and hard work—and what a year it has been. Looking back, none of us would have predicted what this pandemic has done to every facet of our lives.

Our Special Children's Committee is responsible for coordinating and running six bi-monthly 50/50 raffles each year.

Since the pandemic hit this year the funds raised with each raffle have been slightly down and we are hoping once this pandemic is behind us that funds will increase. The funds that we raise through this raffle support the programs and services of the North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency.

This year, in addition to our annual donations we held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 21, 2020 to officially open the new therapy wing at the elementary school that was funded by this committee.

The students had been out of the building for six months, since their return I am sure they are putting this room to good use.



CBS News came to the Adult Center in March to interview Dr. Weiss, and a few parents about the importance of having this adult center for their children.

State funding has been cut and the building has been closed since October as a result of the pandemic and hopefully a little publicity through this news broadcast will keep this much needed adult center up and running.

I would like take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Weiss on his years of service to the

agency and wish him all the best in his retirement. It has been a pleasure working with you all these years. We look forward to continuing our support of this great agency and working with your successor.

Lastly, I would like to thank the teachers and staff of NJEDDA for the outstanding work you do each and every day. Your dedication to your clients is second to none.

Again, let me say thank you to the committee for their tireless dedication during this most difficult year.

Marge Theobald

President 2020-2021

Passaic County Elks

Special Children's Committee

Committee Members



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**Anthony Pelosi: We thank Tony for the many years of dedicated service and support to Elkdom, the Special Children's Committee & NJEDDA.*



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Would You Like to Help NJEDDA?

Every dollar donated to NJEDDA provides educational and therapeutic services or helps us purchase equipment for our special needs children and adults.

Some gifts may bring the simple joy of story telling by purchasing books and then reading to a child.

Others donations or endowments can be made to help fund specific items. That can include therapeutic items, such as specialized chairs or computers, to something larger, such as an expansion to one of our three facilities. There are many needs at NJEDDA and that list evolves annually.

Would you like to help? To find out more and discuss ways you can help, call the Director's offocer at 973-772-2600. Donations are made directly to NJEDDA. Find out more by clicking the donations link on our website: www.njedda.org.

We also participate in the CARS Donation Program. If you have a car, van, boat, or RV that you feel no longer is worth fixing, you can donate it by call 877-537-5277 or visit cardonatingiseasy.org.

The people at CARS will pick up your vehicle, NJEDDA will receive a donation and you will receive a tax receipt for the value.

2021 Financial Report

Throughout the year, changes may occur in funding that require close and strategic monitoring of spending patterns. This is not an unusual phenomenon for a not-for-profit organization.

The key is to spend wisely, adhere to the goals and objective of the mission statement and to identify new revenue streams.

Thanks to the generosity and continual support of the Board of Trustees, the Special Children's Committee, corporate grants, such as the Community Foundation of New Jersey and UPS, as well as private donations, we are meeting the challenge of changing enrollments in our high school program and adjusting our service delivery for adults under a new Medicaid fee for service funding model.

It takes skilled leadership and the dedication of many whose support we depend upon to make a positive impact on the lives of individual citizens with disabilities. Respectfully, we remain dedicated to this cause.



Dolores W. Miles, B.S.
Business Manager

Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenditures

These Revenues were used to pay for Program Expenses

Public School	
Tuition and Fees	\$13,000,000
State Grants & Medical	\$2,000,000
Contributors, Events & Fundraising.....	<u>\$330,000</u>
 Total Support & Revenues	<u><u>\$15,330,000</u></u>

Elementary School	\$7,400,000
High School	\$5,600,000
Adult Training.....	\$2,000,000
Other Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$330,000</u>
 Total Expenditures.....	<u><u>\$15,330,000</u></u>



Now in our fourth year of this program, we want to thank you, our friends, family and community for your support for Pouches For People. Here is an update of all the programs and organizations you have helped to support with your donations.

They are:

- Eva's Village, Paterson – Men, women and children
- The Veteran's Hospital, East Orange – Our veterans
- Backpacks for Life, Verona – Homeless veterans
- Clifton Cares – Active duty military
- Bonds of Courage, Westfield – Active duty military
- Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children, Paterson

Please help us to continue this project that benefits our consumers and the community. Your contributions make a difference and will help keep us growing. Each pouch is assembled for a \$20 donation to the Adult Program.

NJEDDA:
Helping others as we help ourselves.

Clients at the Adult Center have created over 610 pouches and delivered to area shelters, veterans organizations, and active duty military.

The clients learn valuable vocational and daily living skills, while helping community members in need.

Thank you to sponsors:
 Walmart, Toshiba, Freedom Bank and Newman's Own.

Learn more about the Pouches for People Program and how to help out, visit NJEDDA.org/adult-services.

