



## THE GRODEN CENTER, INC.

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### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### **Who attends the Groden Center Day and Residential Programs?**

The Groden Center Day Program serves approximately 81 children and youth from Rhode Island and neighboring states who have the following characteristics and/ or needs: males and females, need for specialized and intensive behavioral treatment for disruptive, aggressive, self-injurious behaviors, and/or behaviors that interfere with the individuals ability to learn or be integrated in typical environments; need for family support through parent training and home programming to assist the family in maintaining the child/youth in the home, case management of social, educational and mental health needs. The majority of the students live at home with their families; about 25% of the students live at the Groden Center's Residential Program or therapeutic foster homes.

#### **What services are provided at the Center?**

Specialized multi-disciplinary evaluations  
Special Education  
Clinical Services  
Communication Programming  
Physical Education and Recreational Programs  
Vocational Education Program  
Case Management  
Family Services

#### **Who are the staff?**

Clinical psychologists, special educators, behavioral specialists, social work clinicians, and specialists in speech and language, adaptive physical education, occupational therapy, and vocational education collaborate on programs. Consultants from the disciplines of behavioral, clinical and educational psychology, psychiatry, medicine, and physical therapy support the treatment team.

#### **Where is the program located?**

The main site is located on the East Side of Providence, RI in a residential neighborhood. This location provides easy access to a number of different services and recreational opportunities. Residential sites are located in local communities approximately 15 miles in various directions from the Center. The Preschool is within one-half mile of the main site, Day Program.

**What are the days/hours of operation?**

The Day Programs operates 12 months a year, Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 2:30, optional Saturday Therapeutic Program, and regular holiday and vacation periods. The Residential Program is open 365 days with holidays and vacation periods that correspond with the Day Program.

**How are children/youth transported?**

Local school district buses are used to transport non-residential students to and from the Center. A fleet of van's/vehicles are used to transport the students to and from the residential homes. These vehicles are also used during the day for transporting students on community learning experiences, vocational training activities and supported employment jobs.

**How are the children/youth programs managed over time?**

The Center is committed to coordinating the care of an individual across time, settings, and providers, from the point of referral and admission, through care and treatment, to discharge. At each of these three stages, the Center assesses the level of care needed by the child/youth and family, identifies available and needed resources and determines appropriate setting(s) for delivery of services.

**How are children/youth services funded?**

Because the students and residents are eligible for special education they are typically funded through local school districts. Funding may also be shared by other state departments such as those for education, children's services, developmental disabilities, and/or mental health. The clinical services are reimbursable through Medicaid.