



## **Brookville Center** for Children's Services

Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc. (Brookville Center) is a multi-service children's program that provides year-round day care, pre-school, school-aged educational, residential, therapeutic, home and school-based services for

over 1000 children with developmental delays, developmental disabilities as well as typically developing children. With an operating budget of \$47,278,628, Brookville Center fulfills its mission of providing comprehensive services to children (age 0-21) with an emphasis on assisting families in understanding their child's strengths and areas of need.

The program offers five (5) center-based locations throughout Nassau County employing 650 professional and paraprofessionals. Each center-based educational program is approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

### **Day Care and Early Education Services**

Day Care and Early Childhood Education services for infants, toddlers and preschoolers (8 weeks to 5 years) are available. The program creates an enriched learning atmosphere through curricula and goal directed language and play-based experiences. Preschoolers learn in an integrated, inclusive classroom along with children with developmental delays. Brookville Center serves 675 children in its day care and early childhood education programs.

### **Special Education Pre-School**

Brookville Center is approved by the New York State Education Department and the Department of Health to provide educational and therapeutic services to children (ages 3 to 5) with developmental delays or disabilities. Integrated, as well as self-contained classroom settings are offered in varied staff to student ratios that best meet the needs of the child.

### **Special Education School-Age**

Children are enrolled in this program only through a referral from a child's local school district's Committee on Special Education (CSE). Children benefit from a high staff to student ratio, 12:1:4, 10:1:3 or 6:1:3.5 with individualized curriculum driven by the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) as well as the New York State Education Department Standards for Special Education. At present, 184 children ages 5-21 with intellectual and developmental disabilities, multiple disabilities, traumatic brain injury and autism are enrolled exclusively in Brookville's Children's Education Center located in Brookville.

### **Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)**

Upon a referral from the NYS Department of Health, children between the ages of 0-3 with a suspected developmental delay or a diagnosis may be evaluated through HCBS to determine eligibility for therapeutic and educational services. For school age students (5-21) through a referral from a student's school district, a student can receive Educational Services, Behavioral Services (ABA) and/or Related Services (Speech, OT or PT) within their own home as well as alternative community based sites. In home parent training is also available. Currently, 150 children are enrolled.

### **Transition Planning**

Transition planning for adolescents moving toward adult services typically begins at age 15. Transition planning promotes movement from school to post school activities and is based on individual student needs, student's abilities, preferences and interests. These activities can include areas of instruction, community experience, development of post-school adult living objectives and if appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.

### **Weekend Services**

Two programs are available to community-based families whose children are eligible for OPWDD services. Each Saturday, at its Brookville center, a five (5) hour Saturday Respite/Recreation program offers children social engagement, while participating in recreation activities. Also, on alternating Saturdays, a 2 ½ hour Social Skills program offers children the opportunity to learn social skills while working with peer mentors. Currently, 65 children are enrolled in these programs.

### **Children's Residential Program**

The Children's Residential Program supports 25 children with a diagnosis of autism in therapeutic, structured home environments that work in collaboration with daytime school professionals toward reaching the full learning and life potential of each child. The program operates four (4) community-based residences with an annual operating budget of \$5,988,883.