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Lifelong Community for
People with Special Needs



“Founded in 1970, ECLC of New Jersey is a trusted provider of nonprofit schools and agencies serving individuals with special needs.

We offer a lifetime of learning and support to individuals with autism, Down syndrome, cognitive and multiple disabilities, from age 5 through adulthood.

In our schools and adult programs, we emphasize academic and daily living skills, while supporting the social and emotional well-being of our students and clients.



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Chatham & Ho-Ho-Kus Schools Educating the Whole Child

We operate two state-approved schools that provide individualized instruction at no cost to families, fulfilling the state's Student Learning Standards.

Our goal is to maximize the learning potential of students, while nurturing their social skills, emotional growth and independence. Our teachers, child study team and therapists monitor their Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals to support their success.

Through Community-Based Instruction, students learn practical skills and build self-confidence. They participate in clubs, dances, sports, after-school outings and overnight respites. Transition services start at age 14 to prepare students for life after graduation. Alumni events and programs are ongoing!

Community Personnel Services

Adult Services

Community Personnel Services (CPS), an ECLC affiliate, helps prepare students and young adults for life after graduation. They combine their experience, knowledge and advocacy to offer Transition Services; Support Coordination; and Supported Employment.

Transition Services begin in the final years of school. CPS specialists assist clients and their families to create person-centered, viable post-graduation plans, including funding, employment, programming and options for continued growth.

Support Coordination services help individuals gain access to needed programs and state plan services, as well as medical, social, educational and other services.

In Supported Employment services, CPS successfully places more than 90 percent of clients who seek jobs. Clients receive ongoing coaching and monitoring from CPS staff to ensure positive, long-term work opportunities.



PRIDE Adult Program

Promoting Independence & Growth

PRIDE is a day/evening program serving adults with developmental disabilities, with centers in Chatham and Saddle Brook.

The day is divided into one-hour increments, targeting four key areas for habilitation:

- Social Appropriateness
- Independent Living
- Soft Skills for the Workplace
- Community Participation

Every day is different at PRIDE! There are always new opportunities to grow, learn and develop everything from social skills and money-management to arts and crafts and travel training.

Emphasis is placed on community involvement, through volunteerism and recreational outings.