

Bridges at The Therapy Place

PARENT SUMMARY



Bridges is a holistic transdisciplinary early intervention preschool program. It utilizes the skills and expertise of physical, occupational, and speech therapists, as well as early childhood and special education teachers, aides, student interns, and parents. Bridges helps to prepare children with disabilities and developmental delays for their next steps in the education process. We emphasize socialization and communication in a nurturing environment. We promote confidence, teamwork, positivity, and independence while individualizing the program for each child.

The program is led by teacher Caroline Strauss, a certified special education teacher. All of our therapists are an integral part of the Bridges team, as well. This collaboration among all team members is critical in facilitating learning and fostering success for each child in every area of development.

The Bridges program uses the preschool curriculum Read It Once Again, which uses rhyme, rhythm, & repetition to ensure there is an intentional, extended focus on the most fundamental skills necessary for future academic success. The philosophy and activities are adapted and modified to meet the individual needs of each child. The goals and objectives complement Common Core Standards and Early Learning State Standards. Each child has a portfolio that includes goals, therapy reports, and assessments.

The Therapy Place does require that children in the Bridges Program receive therapies from The Therapy Place in order to get the maximum benefit of effective and seamless collaboration. We will work with families in transitioning to The Therapy Place therapy schedule.

The Therapy Place, Inc. does not participate in insurance plans or ABC vouchers for this program, and bills directly to the family. The cost of the program is \$1000/month for the full day program and \$600/month for half day or 3 days a week option. There are scholarships available based on financial need and available funds. Families will be provided with the scholarship application upon request after entry into program. There is a \$35 fee for applying.

Admittance into the program is based on a variety of factors including our staff, equipment, and the needs of the current students. Because the Therapy Place does not have a nurse on staff, we reserve the right to exclude children with significant medical issues such as gastric feeding tube, catheter, or tracheotomy. The first step to be considered for admission is to submit the Bridges Developmental Screen.