



Barber National Institute

Making dreams come true.



Programs for Infants & Children

- The Elizabeth Lee Black School, an approved private school for students ages 3 through 21 with autism, intellectual disabilities and multiple challenges.
- Bright Beginning early intervention therapies for infants and toddlers
- Happy Hearts Preschool, featuring “inclusive” classrooms for typically-developing children and students with disabilities
- The region’s only preschool program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing
- Pre-K Counts classes with full-day preschool for “at-risk” children

Barber Behavioral Health Institute

A wide range of therapies, psychological and behavioral services, and supports for any child or adolescent with mental health challenges:

- Barber Behavioral Health Institute Outpatient Clinic offering counseling and medication management for children, adults, couples and families
- Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) and mobile therapy in the home and in school
- Family counseling, grief and trauma therapy for children, and social skills development
- Partial hospitalization programs for children to meet acute needs and prevent out-of-home placement
- Psychiatric service for adults with autism or intellectual disabilities



Employment & Vocational Services

Opportunities for adults to develop skills needed to live as independently as possible:

- Day Supports Programs with activities that promote recreational and daily living skills
- Supported Employment Program with placement in jobs in the community
- Transitional Work Service to build skills for employment
- Retirement Center with recreational and therapeutic activities for an aging population



Living in the Community

- Residential homes in neighborhood settings
- Supported Living, enabling individuals to reside in their own apartments or homes with staff support
- Lifesharing, linking families to share their homes with an individual for a long-term relationship
- Expanding Socialization Opportunities (ESO) dances for young adults in collaboration with area colleges





Our Mission:

We are "Making dreams come true." We provide children and adults with autism, intellectual disabilities, or behavioral health challenges and their families the education, support and resources needed to be self-reliant, independent and valued members of their community. In addition, we provide the professionals who serve them with world-class education and training.



Awards and Recognitions :

- First school in Pennsylvania named "School of Excellence" by the National Association of Special Education Teachers
- Keystone Stars certified preschool
- 2014 Certificate of Achievement for high standards of performance from the Federal Government Ability One Program
- 2015 Temple Grandin Award from Autism Connection of PA awarded to Dr. Maureen Barber-Carey, Vice President
- Award for Leadership and Innovation in Special Education from the National Association of Private Special Education Centers
- One of Pennsylvania's largest residential providers



Barber National Institute Facts:

Number of children and adults served annually.....	5,370
Number of staff.....	2,600
Total number of group homes in PA.....	95
	Erie County.....52
	Pittsburgh.....6
	Philadelphia.....37
Number of school districts our students come from.....	22
Annual budget.....	\$80 million
Percentage of every dollar used for program expenses.....	98

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