



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 inclusive 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:

- Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS) and mobile therapy in the home and in school.
- Family counseling, grief and trauma therapy for children and social skill development.
- Partial hospitalization programs for children to meet acute needs and prevent out-of-home placement.



EMPLOYMENT & VOCATIONAL SERVICES:

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

- Community Participation Supports with activities that promote recreational and daily living skills.
- Supported Employment Program with placement in jobs in the community.
- Small Group Employment to build job skills.
- Retirement Center with recreational therapeutic activities for an aging population.
- Pre-Employment Transition Services to help students prepare for employment while still in school.

LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY:

- Residential homes in neighborhood settings.
- 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.
- Agency with Choice to support individuals as they reside with their families.





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 & RECOGNITIONS:

- First school in Pennsylvania named “School of Excellence” by the National Association of Special Education Teachers.
- Keystone Stars certified preschool.
- First organization in Northwestern Pennsylvania to become a Nationally Certified Trauma Informed Care Community to enhance behavioral health care.
- 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.



BARBER NATIONAL INSTITUTE FACTS:

Number of children and adults served annually	7,300
Number of staff	3,900
Total number of group homes in PA	95
	Erie County 54
	Pittsburgh 6
	Philadelphia 35
Number of school districts our students come from	23
Annual budget	\$100 million

The Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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