

## INCLUSIVE, EVIDENCE-BASED HIGH QUALITY MODEL PRESCHOOL

# Watson Institute LEAP Preschool



The Watson Institute LEAP (Learning Experiences: an Alternative Program for Preschoolers and Parents) Preschool offers a unique environment for 3-5 year old children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities to learn alongside their typically developing peers.

The LEAP model is one of the most validated intervention programs and is a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited Early Learning Program. This innovative preschool model has produced encouraging results including significant behavioral improvement and developmental gains among students with autism spectrum disorder.

### KEY FACTS

#### Inclusive Curriculum for Children

- Learning activities that help to develop social and emotional growth, and improvement in language and communication.
- Inclusive small environment that offers support for all children to increase their ability to play and learn with others, learn to make choices, and build pre-academic skills.
- Therapeutic services provided include Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy.
- Social Skills Curriculum which fosters empathy, celebrates differences and teaches teamwork.
- Two preschool sessions daily (a.m. and p.m. options)

#### Innovative Outcome-Driven Programming

- LEAP reinforces the premise that children with disabilities will learn better in an integrated setting alongside their typically developing peers.

#### Three LEAP classroom locations

- LEAP Preschool operates at the W. Bruce Thomas Education Center in Sharpsburg with additional locations in Beaver and Kittanning for qualified students.



**For more information and to refer a student to LEAP:** Call 412-749-2805 or 1-866-893-4751 x. 2805

"This is one of the best decisions I have made for my child."

Parent of a LEAP Preschool Student



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Achieving Exceptional Results*



"The program and staff are wonderful. It's been fun and amazing to watch our son grow and learn. We look forward to next year!"

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