

WATSON INSTITUTE LEAP PRESCHOOL

NATURALISTIC, INCLUSIVE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Watson Institute LEAP Preschool (Learning Experiences: an Alternative Program for preschoolers and Parents) offers a unique environment for preschool-aged children diagnosed with autism to learn alongside their neurotypical peers.

The LEAP model is one of the most validated intervention programs, producing significant behavioral improvements and developmental gains for students ages 3 to 5 years old.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Individualized Programming:

- Creative Curriculum
- LEAP Quality Program Indicators
- Aligned with PA Early Learning Standards

Related Services Provided in Classrooms:

- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech & Language Pathologist (certified in Natural Language Acquisition & Gestalt Language Processing)

Inclusive, Outcome-Driven Program

- LEAP reinforces the premise that children with autism learn better in an inclusive setting alongside their neurotypical peers
- Classrooms comprised of 8 peers and 4 students with autism
- Conveniently located in Sharpsburg, PA

Family Services Coordinator:

- Provides a bridge between home and school
- Offers resources and information to families and conducts trainings
- Active member of IEP team

WHAT MAKES A LEAP STUDENT SUCCESSFUL?

- Students who are 3 or 4 have time to learn essential Pre-K skills and build a foundation for success
- Students who show awareness of their peers
- Children who can participate safely in a classroom environment
- Children who attempt communication with others



"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!"

Parent of a LEAP student

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