

About Autism

Autism is a neurological disorder that affects a person's communication, behavior, and social skills. It is a "spectrum disorder" which means that it affects every individual differently and to varying degrees.

Common early signs include:

- Delay or absence of spoken language
- Little or no eye contact; seeming unawareness of others
- Non-responsive to facial expressions / feelings of others
- Lack of pretend play and/or interest in playing with or near peers
- Repetitive movements (hand flapping, body rocking)
- Over- or under-sensitivity to sounds, sights, tastes, touch, and smells.

Contact us!

Eligibility requirements vary by program. For more information, call us today at **716.629.3400** or visit our website at **TheSummitCenter.org**.



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Programs and services for children and adults with autism and other developmental, behavioral, and social challenges.





Independent and Fulfilling Lives

The Summit Center supports children, adults, and families on every step of their journey: from evaluation, diagnosis, and specialized education; to respite services provided on-site and at home; to adult day programs, vocational training that leads to employment, and support and training when employed.

Our educational programs operate on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) – identified by hundreds of scientific studies as the most effective method to teach individuals with autism and other special needs. Using this behavioral approach, we develop instructional plans, measure progress regularly, and make changes as needed to ensure positive results.

Serving Western New York since 1973, The Summit Center offers a variety of programs and services with an experienced, professional staff who understand autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are focused on one goal: to equip children and adults with the skills they need to lead the most independent and fulfilling lives possible.

Early Intervention and Education

- **Early Autism Program** provides intensive, home-based ABA therapy for toddlers and preschoolers.
- **Evaluations** available for children suspected of having autism or other developmental disabilities.
- **Summit Academy** is a 12-month specialized school for students ages 3-21 with autism and other developmental, social and behavioral challenges.
- **Summit Academy Enhanced** serves students ages 13 and up with autism who also have severe behavioral challenges.

Community Services

- **On-site Respite** programs are offered after school, evenings, and on Saturdays. In-home services also available.
- **Building Friendship Fridays (BFFs)** offers structured respite and recreation for young adults ages 16-25.
- **Community Habilitation** offers training for all ages in daily living skills in the community or at home.
- **S.T.A.R. Training** offers parent education, training, support, and respite.

Adult Services

- **S.T.E.P.S.** is our highly individualized, community-based day habilitation without walls program for adults with developmental disabilities.
- **P.A.C.E.** offers hands-on community pre-vocational training in integrated settings for participants ages 18 and up.
- **Supported Employment** provides necessary support for individuals 18 and older as they seek and maintain paid employment.
- **ACCES-VR** provides training and support for individuals 16 and up who want to be employed.
- **Project SEARCH** is a business-led initiative that offers a school-to-work alternative for students ages 18-21 who are in their last year of high school.

Behavioral Health Services

- **Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic** provides individual and family therapy for children and young adults struggling with behavioral, social, and emotional challenges. Our clinical team is experienced in diagnosing a wide range of psychological disorders in children and adolescents. Insurance and/or private pay accepted.
- **School Consulting and Professional Training** is available for teachers and other professionals who work with students with autism, and other developmental, behavioral, or learning challenges.