



About Pressley Ridge

Since 1832, Pressley Ridge's innovative programming has helped to rebuild communities and families who are facing difficult challenges and complex situations. Pressley Ridge serves more than 7,300 children and families each year in communities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.

Pressley Ridge offers programs and services in four areas:

- **Community-Based Support:** Individualized mental health services designed to strengthen, preserve and keep families together so that children can remain at home and in their own schools and communities.
- **Foster Care:** Placing children and youth in a stable home with specially-trained foster parents, while working to reunite them with their biological families or find an adoptive home.
- **Education Services:** Intensive, individualized education for children with mental and behavioral issues with a goal of returning the student to the public school setting; as well as specialized education for children with autism and deafness.
- **Residential Treatment Facilities:** Individualized, trauma-sensitive care in small group homes and campus-based facilities emphasizing psychological safety, trusting relationships, competency development and family involvement.

All Pressley Ridge services are guided by a common treatment philosophy called Re-Education, which focuses on the strengths of each child and family, and holds these beliefs: It is possible to teach competence; change is possible; and the development of trusting relationships with caring, committed adults is the most significant factor in turning around the lives of seriously troubled children. Pressley Ridge staff and professional foster parents are well-trained, supportively supervised and challenged daily to do "whatever it takes to create success for children and families."

Pressley Ridge is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

For more information, visit PressleyRidge.org.

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Autism Extended School Year Summer Program



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Program Overview

The Extended School Year (ESY) program at Pressley Ridge is designed to facilitate children and adolescents with autism in developing and maintaining academic skills. Our purpose is to keep children engaged while addressing goals and objectives within their Individual Education Plan (IEP). We strive to ensure a child's continued success when returning to school in the fall. The strategies and interventions we provide are aimed at supporting children with autism along the path to their full potential.

WE PROVIDE AN INDIVIDUALIZED, STRENGTH-BASED APPROACH TO ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIORAL GROWTH. OUR PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS TO:

- Increase academic and social progress
- Form positive relationships with peers and adults
- Become independent and achieve meaningful life goals, including vocational skills



"The staff are a great strength of the ESY Program. They are well trained and positive with the children."

Who Do We Serve?

- Children through young adults ages 6-21 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Determined by the student's IEP team as an appropriate placement

Program Components

HOW WE SUPPORT AUTISM

- Direct instruction by special education teachers in academics, social skills, and functional skills
- Structured teaching and organizational strategies
- Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Visual support strategies including transition schedules
- Sensory friendly rooms
- Implementation of positive behavior support plans
- Reinforcement program tailored to students' interests and individual needs

ESY PROGRAMMING

- Full-day program
- Developed to help students maintain IEP objectives and goals
- Hands-on, multisensory learning experiences
- Vital skills addressed include: maintenance of academics, communication, socialization, engagement, coping skills, and self-awareness/regulation
- Community-based activities/campus events

VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Developed to help students maintain responsibility and job skills in an understanding and flexible environment
- Participation in classroom-based and community-based activities

Admissions Information

For more information about our Autism Extended School Year Summer Program, please call 412.321.0140 or visit us online at www.PressleyRidge.org/Autism.

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