

# HOW WE HELP

The Center for Autism is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1955 by renowned child psychiatrist Dr. Bertram A. Ruttenberg, and is the oldest autism treatment center in the country.

### **QUALITY OF CARE**

- » Comprehensive and continual assessment of needs
- » Individualized treatment plans
- » Multidisciplinary, relationship-based approach
- » Experienced, dedicated clinicians

### **BETTER OUTCOMES**

- » Develop and improve communication
- » Establish important relationships
- » Build meaningful social interaction
- » Improve behaviors that interfere with success
- » Learn skills to thrive in school and in the community

### **FAMILY INVOLEMENT**

- » Participate as full partners in the therapeutic process
- » Receive support and education
- » Learn to navigate systems and advocate for the future
- » Collaborate with agencies to ensure a comprehensive approach

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Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects each individual differently and to varying degrees. It appears in early childhood, and is marked by impairment in communication and social interaction, as well as repetitive behaviors and/or restricted interests. While there is no known cure, the Center for Autism is focused on improving the quality of life for individuals with ASD by providing specialized services and treatment programs.

# WHAT IS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER?



# SERVICES TO MEET VARYING NEEDS

### **EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT**

Offered to people of all ages to determine an initial diagnosis or confirm a previous diagnosis, identify additional conditions/disorders, assess level of functioning, and make appropriate recommendations for services.

### SOCIAL COMPETENCY PROGRAM\*

An evening program designed to develop and facilitate social competency skills in school-age children and teens.

### SATURDAY PROGRAM

A weekly program for teens and young adults that focuses on teaching pre-vocational and independent life skills.

### C.O.R.E. PROGRAM\*

An intensive, early childhood program that is focused on communication, socialization, disruptive behaviors, and self-regulation.

### **OUTPATIENT PROGRAM**

Individualized one-on-one, family and group therapy for people of all ages.

### **CONSULTATION SERVICES**

Customized workshops, seminars and training to those working with individuals with autism.

\*This program is accredited by CARF International. For information on CARF accreditation, please visit www.carf.org.

## **MISSION**

To improve the quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.

# **VISION**

To be a leading provider of individualized, evidence-based autism services.

# **VALUES**

Individuality • Innovation Community • Dignity Awareness • Professionalism