

DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL



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Daycare and Preschool Programs

The Cantalician Early Childhood Center strives to become partners with parents in providing daycare and education programs that complement the love and care they receive at home. The staff makes every effort to give each child the attention, affectionate care, and a quality educational program in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Daycare programs of the Cantalician Center are licensed by the New York State Office of Child and Family Services and prioritize curriculums that promote early childhood development. The team of master's level educators averages more than 25 years of providing comprehensive and compassionate daycare services. In addition to being able to access all the features of the Cantalician Academic Campus, the Early Childhood Center has a private lactation room for mothers who would like to nurse during the day.

Infant Program

6 weeks to 18 months

Rooms have a 4-to-1 ratio of children to teachers. Staff provide a nurturing environment with an on-demand schedule, which parents establish with staff. There are plenty of hugs and "tummy time" along with physical, social and cognitive development activities to meet the individual needs of each child.



Toddler Program

18 months to 3 years

Small room sizes with a 5-to-1 ratio encourage self-help skills, creativity, music and movement. Outdoor play, gross motor room activities, and a schedule of both structured and free playtime are available based on each child's individual needs.

Preschool Program

Children 3 to 5 years old



Classrooms consist of 12 students, one teacher, and one teaching assistant. Every child receives instruction tailored to meet his or her individual needs. A literature-based thematic approach is used to foster your child's strengths while preparing them for a successful and fulfilling kindergarten experience.

Kindergarten readiness is emphasized through the provision of reading, math experiences, discovery science, computer enrichment in our IT lab and daily language activities. Children also have the opportunity to participate in daily motor skill building programs.



Features of the Early Childhood Center

The Center is located within Cantalician's new 95,000 square foot Academic Campus in Depew, New York. Situated on 15 acres, this new state of the art campus provides children with programs and safety that are unmatched in Western New York. Campus features include:

- Secure modern building with advanced security
- Abundant green space for outdoor recreation
- Large rooms with expansive windows
- Music and Art Rooms
- Full size gymnasium and gross motor room
- Convenient location with ample parking
- Full-time onsite registered nurses

Special Services & Support

The Cantalician Center was founded to meet the individual needs of children that cannot be met within their home school district. We understand the importance of education and therapy services beginning at very early age in children demonstrating a disability. Cantalician continues this mission by offering preschool programs for children with minor, moderate, and severe developmental disabilities. Since 2008, the preschool program places 93% of its students back into their home school district for kindergarten.

Non-integrated classroom settings with six students in a room are available with multiple opportunities for integration with peers who are non-disabled. Preschoolers who qualify for special education services in the Preschool setting are placed by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). A number of support services are offered to students and their families. The multi-disciplinary team is made up of highly trained and experienced professionals, offering an array of specialized services, including:

- Special Education Instruction
- Comprehensive Initial Evaluations
- Occupational/Physical Therapy
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Behavioral Support
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Special Education Itinerant Teachers and Therapists



Goals

Cantalian Center's Early Childhood programs are structured to provide children – infants, toddlers and preschoolers alike – the highest quality education program in a safe and nurturing environment. Staff are proud to offer both integrated and non-integrated classrooms for preschool children and encourage learning, laughter and the acceptance of those who may be different than us to all of our students.

Instructional Staff

Our dedicated staff consists of Master's Level Teachers and Certified Assistants with years of professional early childhood teaching experience. Our instructors are also certified by the New York State Department of Education (NYSED).



Program Calendar

Early Childhood programs run all-year round with a total of 11 annual holidays and one staff development day. The program offers special six-week summer sessions beginning and ending with the typical school calendar.

Hours of Service

7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuition

Rates are based on the age of child and number of days attending the program per week. Please call Cantalian Center directly for our current rate schedule. Fees for the preschool program for children who qualify for special education services are paid by their county of residence. The program is also eligible to receive payment through the Erie County subsidized daycare program.

About Cantalician

Cantalician Center for Learning is a 60 year old non-profit organization founded in Buffalo by the Sisters of St. Felix (Felician Sisters) as a day program for children with developmental disabilities. Today, the organization is a dynamic team of professionally trained teachers and therapists. Programs are now open to serve ALL children starting at 6 weeks old.

Our Values

Integrity • Human Dignity • Excellence
Teamwork • Adaptability

Cantalician Center for Learning, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletic, and other school-administered programs.



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