



Agency Name: Jewish Community Center of Binghamton, Inc.

Program: Early Childhood Center

Program Success Story:

The success of participating in an early childhood program comes in many forms, most notable the successful entrance into the public schools.

Success is also seen in the opportunity for early intervention. Parents and teachers working together track development and note when milestones are not being met.

Consider the story of Jacob S., his language and social – emotional milestones were not being met during his time in our Infant program. Thanks to screening made available at the Early Childhood Center and the collaboration with the Broome County Health Department, Jacob was diagnosed with Autism before the age of 18 months. Jacob began receiving services on site at the ECC and has made a successful transition to public school. In addition his family got the support and guidance needed at this crucial time of development.

Screenings and evaluations also helped Dominic R. Thanks to a collaborate effort between teachers, his parent and the Committee of Preschool Special Education, Dominic is getting services before entering kindergarten and will have a smoother transition as a result.

Students also come into the ECC with special needs, consider the case of Leah S. Leah came to us at 2 with little or no core strength; she could barely hold herself in a seated position let alone walk. Leah stayed in the ECC until the age of 5. With the work of her family, teachers, and therapist Leah was walking independently by the time she left for public school.

The time and development between birth and age 3 are critical. We often hear the comment, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Here at the ECC that village takes shape with families, teachers, therapists and collaboration with community agencies. We all have one goal in mind, to help a child develop to his or her fullest potential.