

### ***Speech Therapy***

- Individual speech sessions
- Collaboration with educational staff for language and communication program development
- Therapy integrated into students' activities and natural environment
- Augmentative Communication Training

### ***Occupational Therapy***

- Individual & group OT sessions
- Collaboration with educational staff for fine and gross motor skills development
- Infused OT sessions in natural environment to maximize student development and generalization

### ***Family Services***

#### ***At Sawtelle we believe that school & family partnerships are essential.***

*A child diagnosed with autism presents challenges for the entire family. The caring Sawtelle staff is committed to providing the much needed support for family.*

*Sawtelle's family-based programming includes:*

- *Access to a school social worker*
- *Daily home-school communication*
- *Home visits with teacher, therapists and/ or social worker*
- *Parent training and education workshops*
- *Support and events for parents and siblings*
- *Parent advocacy*
- *Referral source for community/ outside agencies*

### ***About YCS***

Youth Consultation Service, better known as YCS, is one of New Jersey's leading private, non-profit educational, behavioral health and mental health social services agencies. Established in 1918, YCS is committed to advocating, educating, sheltering, and caring for the state's most vulnerable children, families and young adults.

In 2010 YCS expanded its services to include in-home and residential care for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

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***Embracing All the Possibilities***



### **YCS SAWTELLE LEARNING CENTER**

for students with  
Autism Spectrum Disorder

*After much research and soul searching, we realized our son needed a school that provided both a responsive educational team and a warm, nurturing environment. We have found it all here at Sawtelle.*

*Parent*



**YCS Sawtelle Learning Center** offers educational and related services for students with autistic spectrum disorder, ages 3-21

The staff utilizes an Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) model that provides students a highly structured, intensive program designed to develop their communication, academic, social and behavioral skills.

Our professional team works collaboratively with parents to maximize student progress. The team includes:

- Certified Teachers
- Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA)
- Certified Speech Language Pathologists
- Certified Occupational Therapists
- A School Social Worker

*All of our staff is certified in CPI and Handle with Care*

### ***The Sawtelle Curriculum***

We provide our students with a comprehensive language-based curriculum linked to New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards including:

- Communication
- Socialization
- Functional academics
- Fine and gross motor skills development
- Daily living
- Career readiness
- Recreation/Leisure

### ***Program Components***

- Individualized assessment of a student's strengths and needs
- Intensive student-teacher ratio with individualized instruction
- Data based decision making
- Supported inclusion experiences
- Adaptive physical education
- Full school day, 11 month program

### ***Behavioral Components***

- Evidenced based strategies including discrete trial teaching, generalization, training, task analysis, and reinforcement strategies.
- Functional assessments
- Functional communication training
- Positive behavioral supports
- Individualized behavior plans

### ***Life Skills Program for Adolescents, Teens & Young Adults***



Our Life Skills Program focuses on preparation for adulthood and includes:

- Functional life skills instruction including cooking and home living skills
- Community-based instruction for middle and high school students include shopping and dining out
- Recreational experiences including bowling, yoga and art classes
- Individualized systematic job skill instruction
- Volunteer opportunities and career exploration in community/work settings
- Job coaching

 **The YCS Sawtelle Learning Center selected as a 2013-14 NASSET School of Excellence**

Sawtelle was selected because it has met rigorous professional criteria and has demonstrated truly exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education for students on the autism spectrum.