



The Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development

The Lawrence F. Hickey Center is a NYS Education Department approved 4410 special education preschool which is also licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health as a Children's Day Treatment Program.

The Hickey Center, also known as "The Little Red Schoolhouse" is named after Lawrence F. Hickey. Mr. Hickey was a board member and a dedicated supporter of Astor and our mission, who was instrumental in acquiring and renovating the school in 1992.

We Serve Children:

- Between the ages of 2 years and 9 months and Kindergarten entry who have behavioral and emotional challenges.

Children attend a 12-month, 6.5 hour a day center based, self-contained classroom with a ratio of 8 students to each one teacher and two teacher assistants.

Our Goals at the Hickey Center:

- Prepare children with behavioral challenges to succeed in school
- Improve the social and emotional functioning of each child
- Develop and enhance social readiness skills
- Support the child within the family and community
- Provide parenting support and skills training

Services Provided:

- **Special Education Services**
 - Creative Curriculum
 - Field Trips: Extended Learning Opportunities Outside the Classroom
 - Therapeutic Crisis Intervention

• Evidence-Based Clinical Services

- Behavior Management Techniques
- Parent Skills Training
- Parent/Child Interaction Therapy

Intake Procedure:

Referrals approved by the Committee on Preschool Education are accepted from:

- The NYC Department of Education
- Early Intervention Programs
- Pediatricians
- Day Care Centers and other preschool programs

Each child will receive a comprehensive evaluation at no cost to the family.

- Each family will meet with a school psychologist, a special educator and a social worker to assess the strengths and needs of the child and family
- Each child will receive Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy evaluations

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