



Bridges at The Therapy Place

Bridges is the unique combination of therapeutic and preschool techniques with the goal of encouraging independence and cognitive development for children with developmental delays or disabilities ages 2 to 5. We work on every domain of development: gross motor, fine motor, language, adaptive, and cognitive skills all addressed in a nurturing and social learning environment. It is our mission to increase a child's independence in all aspects of life, preparing him or her for educational success and school readiness.

Program Staff

Our transdisciplinary and holistic approach includes a collaborative team of physical, occupational, and speech therapists, special education and early childhood teachers, parents, and other staff.

Bridges is led by Lindsey Duerr and Morgan Tanner, both certified teachers with experience teaching in the public school system. All of our therapists are an integral part of the Bridges team, as well. This collaboration among all team members is critical in facilitating learning and fostering success for each child in every area of development.

Curriculum

The Bridges program uses the preschool curriculum Read It Once Again, which uses rhyme, rhythm, and repetition to ensure there is an intentional, extended focus on the most fundamental skills necessary for future academic success. The philosophy and activities are adapted and modified to meet the individual needs of each child. The goals and objectives complement Common Core Standards and Early Learning State Standards. Each child has a portfolio that includes goals, therapy reports, and assessments.

Therapy Integration

The Therapy Place requires that children in the Bridges Program receive therapies from The Therapy Place in order to get the maximum benefit of effective and seamless collaboration. Our therapists and administrative staff facilitate the transition of therapies to The Therapy Place therapy schedule. As we understand waiting lists at TTP and relationships with existing therapists may make this difficult, we will work with families on a case-by-case basis if moving therapies is not feasible at this time. In those cases, we ask any outside therapists to participate in our transdisciplinary model.

Program Fees

The Therapy Place, Inc. does not participate in insurance plans or ABC vouchers for this program, and bills directly to the family. The cost of the program is \$12,000/year for the full day program and \$7,200/year for half day or 3 days a week option. Fees can be paid in full, twice a year, or billed monthly at \$1000/full time and \$600/part time. Scholarships, where applicable, are implemented on a sliding scale based on financial need.

Program Admittance

Admittance into Bridges is based on a variety of factors including our staff, facilities/equipment, and the needs of the current students. Because The Therapy Place does not have a nurse on staff, we reserve the right to exclude children with significant medical needs such as gastric feeding tube, catheter, or tracheotomy. Please refer to the Enrollment Steps for enrollment process.