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CARF accreditation is official recognition that our organization is guided by internationally recognized service standards and best practices.

Easterseals changes the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day.

Throughout all of life's moments – from the ordinary to the extraordinary, and everything in between – Easterseals is here. We're right beside you and your family – listening, understanding, helping in the ways you ask us to, giving support, cheering you on. Easterseals is a team of problem-solvers, skilled practitioners and people committed to sweeping away limitations and shattering stereotypes. We are steadfast partners in your journey, no matter what disability you face. Together, we can take on disability. That's our promise to you. Give us a call or shoot us an email. We can't wait to get to know you.

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Easterseals Academy empowers each student to achieve peak academic performance, increase social and vocational skills, develop an effective means of communication and foster the acquisition of functional life skills for independence in the community.



School districts contract with Easterseals to assist in providing year-round educational programs for children with an *autism spectrum disorder, emotional disability, developmental delay or intellectual disability*. We provide an alternative school placement for students and help them achieve independence. Easterseals Academy is conveniently located in Chicago, Rockford and Tinley Park.



Enrollment

Easterseals Academy is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to serve students ages 3 through 21 and meet the following requirements. When a student meets the criteria, the home school district may refer the student to one of our campuses.

The student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) explicitly identifies a "Separate Therapeutic Day Placement" as the least restrictive environment to meet the child's needs.

The student's primary educational diagnosis is autism spectrum disorder, emotional disability, developmental delay or intellectual disability.

Curriculum

We maintain a high staff-student ratio and each student has an IEP. We offer integrated therapies and instruction is centered around evidence-based practices. The curriculum map is aligned to Common Core State Standards.

Easterseals aims to provide our students with as many opportunities as possible to engage in age-appropriate social and leisure activities, as well as to gain important community experiences. Our teams of specialized staff utilize a total communication approach (i.e. augmentative communication devices, sign language, visual cues, gestures, etc.) to maximize the learning opportunities. Students participate in a wide range of activities from functional academics and life skills to vocational training and supported or independent employment. Classroom placement is determined by the age and instructional needs of students.

Clinical Services

Related services available at the schools include speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, nursing and social work. All services and the frequency of services are driven by the student's needs and determined by the IEP team. Art therapy, music therapy, vocational training, adapted physical education and behavioral consultation may also be offered.

Post-Secondary Services

By the age of 14½, students are assessed and a comprehensive transition plan is created which includes post-secondary outcomes and goals. Students participate in a variety of vocational activities and the program combines simulated and authentic work settings.

Activities

Easterseals Academy hosts many special activities and events throughout the year, which may include:

- Community Outings
- Prom
- Holiday Programs
- Special Olympic Events and Training
- Field Days
- Open House
- Graduation
- Talent Show

Parent Support and Outreach

Easterseals offers support and training to parents on a regular basis. Topics may include guardianship, respite care, sexuality/disability training, make-and-take sessions targeting materials used for communication and/or structure in the home and other topics deemed necessary by parents.