



Preschool Program at Marcus Autism Center

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Marcus Autism Center is proud to announce our new, inclusive Preschool Program for toddlers with and without autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The preschool offers a developmentally appropriate and rich learning environment for all children. We aim to foster active engagement and learning through play, hands-on activities and daily routines. Our preschool community will be a safe and welcoming space for all children.

The Preschool Program is part of a nationally leading research institution. This program will operate both as a school and as a place of research on preschool education. When you apply for admission, you are accepting the fact that, if admitted, your child will be part of an innovative preschool that will be continually studied and developed. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to be exposed to leading-edge teaching techniques.

The Preschool Program offers half-day classroom hours from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and full-day classroom and aftercare hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Who can participate?

We are currently enrolling children with and without autism who were born between Sept. 2, 2014, and Sept. 1, 2015.

If your child has previously received an autism diagnosis, we are seeking to enroll children who:

- Pay attention to, and are interested in, other children.
- Have started to communicate using gestures or eye contact.
- Have started to put two words together.
- Have started to pretend during play. For example, by feeding a doll or talking on a phone.

How are the classrooms structured?

Our classroom for 2-year-olds will have 12 children and a relatively high teacher-to-student ratio of 1 to 4. Programming will be individualized to motivate and engage all children in their own unique ways.

When will the program open?

Our first classroom for 2-year-olds (children born between Sept. 2, 2014, and Sept. 1, 2015) will open Feb. 1, 2018.

Tuition and fees

The monthly tuition rate for the half-day program is \$850 and the full-day program is \$1,250 including aftercare. We can grant modest tuition subsidies based on economic need.

Next steps

The Preschool Program is located at Marcus Autism Center, 1920 Briarcliff Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329.

Email marcuspreschool@choa.org or call **404-785-6511** if you are interested in enrolling your child.