



Spaulding Youth Center School Ends School Year with All A's!

In March, the New Hampshire Department of Education conducted a Special Education Program Approval Visit to Spaulding Youth Center. The purpose is to review the present status of programs and services made available to children and youth with educational disabilities. In particular, the review focuses on three critical areas to evaluate success of each individual facility as well as to compare improvements for all private special education schools statewide. The three areas include: Access to the General Curriculum, Transition, and Behavior Strategies and Discipline.

As part of the process, Spaulding Youth Center provided supporting materials, including student education programs (IEPs), progress reports, samples of student work, grades, extracurricular involvement, permanent records, curriculum and more. NHDOE also performed independent surveys of key stakeholder populations, including local education agencies and parents, to gain external perspectives and confirm effective communications. In addition, the professional educators who visited our campus in March conducted classroom observations to gain an insider view of a day in the life of a Spaulding Youth Center School student.

And our report card is in: Spaulding Youth Center is proud to share that we have once again earned a 5-Year Academic Program Accreditation, the longest approval duration granted for this process from the NHDOE! There were no findings of noncompliance and the report included several specific commendations for the Spaulding Youth Center School and staff. As a result, Spaulding Youth Center School will undergo this intensive review and analysis again in five years, which is the longest timeframe permitted between Special Education Program Approval Visits. Way to go, team!

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Celebrating Another Successful School Year!

On June 18th, the students and staff enjoyed our annual Spaulding Field Day, which featured a bouncy house, three legged races, water relays, slip and slide, water balloon slingshot and more! As in years past, MetroCast volunteers helped facilitate the activities and generously provided participation medals and cold treats for all the kids at the conclusion of the festivities. To top off the afternoon, Shannon Barnes from MetroCast presented Spaulding with a \$2,000.00 donation from the Robbie Mills Memorial Golf Tournament.



The following day, students and staff gathered in the community center for our annual Awards Ceremony. Spaulding students were recognized for their academic efforts and accomplishments, including Student of the Year, Most Improved Student and classroom achievement awards. Spaulding staff also received acknowledgements, including Teacher of the Year, Specialist Teacher of the Year, Teaching Associate of the Year, and Support Staff of the Year. These two days were a wonderful finale to another banner year at Spaulding Youth Center!

SPAULDING BY THE NUMBERS

- 11** classrooms now ready for summer sessions & beyond
- 37** school districts sending from NH, even ME and CT
- 101** students served in 2014-2015 school year
- 4,368** support hours since Jan. 1, 2015 for residential students
- 15,656** school lunches served since first day of school

OUR MISSION:

To leverage our professional expertise to help young people with autism or other developmental and/or behavioral challenges learn the academic and life skills needed to be successful in their homes, schools & communities.





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Dynamic Duo Takes on Speech and Language

Have you heard of the big changes in the Spaulding Speech and Language department? Spaulding has two new Speech Language Pathologists who have restructured and reinvigorated this integral therapeutic service in just a few short months.

Rachel (Goddu) Gregoire and Chelsea Pettibone spend most of their days with Spaulding students providing therapy. Beyond these one-on-one sessions, they extend their reach by also training staff on speech therapy strategies which can be continued in the classroom, residences and elsewhere on campus. Everyone enjoys their consistent presence on campus and overall treatment philosophy, which is driven from their team approach to therapy delivery.

When Rachel started in January, the newly formed team discovered that their individual training, competencies and expertise provided a perfect pairing to create a comprehensive skill set for the new speech language department. After all, there are three primary components of speech language, speech production, language and swallowing disorders, but there are numerous specializations categorized in these three areas. In addition, the department also provides therapy for Augmentative



Both Chelsea & Rachel hold a Master's degree with Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S., CCC-SLP)

Communication for those students who are non-verbal. Together, their experience encompasses all the many facets of speech and language, and that speaks volumes about their current and future success at Spaulding Youth Center.

Swing Into Spring a Swinging Success!

On April 22, Spaulding Youth Center hosted over 80 local business owners, community leaders and dedicated supporters, including former CEO Susan Calegari, for their annual Swing Into Spring Breakfast. As part of the program, Jennifer Benjamin, Occupational Therapist, shared insight earned from fifteen years of experience: "Outdoor play is essential for all children's development and particularly those with unique challenges. Swings are rocking chairs for children who are no longer babies but who still need to be soothed. Swinging is a most helpful activity for regulation and focus, and therefore, a critical need for the Spaulding Youth Center campus."



Spaulding students constructed Lego swing sets to share with guests.

Due to the expense related to special education playgrounds, the installation will be completed in phases. With the generous support of organizations statewide, the needed funds for Phase 1 are available. However, there is still a great need to provide the remaining necessary equipment for the children at Spaulding. Contributions to this campaign will continue to be accepted throughout the summer.

DONATE TODAY IN THREE EASY WAYS

To be a part of a future playground improvement phase, you can contribute by:

1. Visiting Spauldingyouthcenter.org/give
2. Calling 603-286-7500
3. Emailing foundation@spauldingyouthcenter.org

Stay tuned for details of the playground's grand opening!