



Mary Cariola Children's Center is a local, private, non-profit agency serving children and families in Monroe County, New York and surrounding areas. The agency was founded in 1949 by a group of parents, and guided through its beginnings by Mary Pulvino Cariola, 1896-1987.

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*Helping children with  
special needs discover  
their true potential—  
every single day.*



# With the right love, support and guidance— all our children have the keys to unlock their true potential.

## People—the heart and soul of our organization.

Founded in 1949 by Mrs. Mary Pulvino Cariola and the parents and friends of children with severe and multiple disabilities, Mary Cariola Children's Center has thrived with the help of people just like you—people who believe that children with special needs deserve our love and support and should have every opportunity to live productive, healthy lives.

## We provide the finest education and the utmost care for children with special needs.

Mary Cariola Children's Center serves hundreds of children with developmental delays and complex or multiple disabilities, from birth to 21 years of age. Our staff is dedicated to providing these children with every opportunity to live and learn the way that best suits their needs. From infancy on up, individual programs are created to meet each child's needs. Through our Preschool Program, special educators, therapists and social workers provide hands-on therapy and parent training to those in need—in their homes or in our day care. And as our children grow, so will their educational opportunities.

## We SHAPE lives and develop skills.

Our SHAPE program is designed to provide an educational, therapeutic school program for students 5 – 21 years of age. The children in this program have mild to significant cognitive delays and may exhibit a variety of characteristics that make it difficult for them to learn without a high staff-to-student ratio. With a delicate balance of love and guidance, our staff focuses on developing each student's academic and functional skills, and offers them significant opportunities to grow socially.

## We REACH out and uncover hidden abilities.

For those school-age children with developmental delays and severe physical disabilities, our REACH program is designed to help them develop their communication and motor skills while maximizing their cognitive development. This program offers specialized teaching and therapy services in a warm, caring environment that allows each child to achieve their potential and uncover their abilities.

## We encourage. We empower. We are family.

All of us at MCCC believe that our children should feel a sense of belonging and deserve a chance to become active in their community. Through our Service Coordination Program, families receive help in obtaining in-home support services that are designed to empower each child and help them become more independent and productive. Homes in residential neighborhoods provide children with a caring, alternative family in a safe, nurturing environment. Around-the-clock staff provides therapeutic services, family values and a busy social life. And natural families are encouraged to remain closely involved with all aspects of their child's life.

## We move all our children forward— one step at a time.

At Mary Cariola Children's Center, people dedicated to the effective ideas, creativity, and imagination move our children forward...one goal at a time. We believe that all children deserve the chance to be the very best they can be, and we work as hard as we possibly can—every single day—to make that happen.

We welcome you to learn more. Call (585) 271-0761.

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