

Founded in 1975, The New England Center for Children's (NECC<sup>®</sup>) mission is to transform the lives of children with autism worldwide through education, research, and technology.

The New England Center for Children has 40 years of experience helping children with autism. Started in 1975 with only \$30,000 from the Massachusetts DMH, it has grown to be one of the most respected autism institutes in the world. Today, NECC is a global leader in providing effective, evidence-based educational services to children with autism. We rely on the science of applied behavior analysis to help children with autism reach their greatest potential.

## Vision:

Our vision is to be the global leader in the provision of effective, evidence-based educational services for the millions of underserved children with autism and their families. We will:

- educate teachers and parents around the world so that they may benefit from the knowledge and methods developed at NFCC®
- use the power of technology to help teachers and families transform the lives of children with autism
- define our future success by the number of children being served by our curriculum
- · bring help to hundreds of thousands of children and their families, and give hope to millions

We strive to be at the forefront of conducting and publishing research to further the understanding and treatment of autism and related disabilities, and will use only those methods that show results. Science is consistent in showing that early, intensive instruction using the methods of Applied Behavior Analysis helps children with autism learn and reach their maximum potential.

## **Fact Sheet**

- The Center serves 680 students (age 18 months through 22 years) diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (includes NECC Southborough, NECC UAE School, NECC Partner Program, NECC Private Programs).
  - o NECC Southborough has 265 students enrolled.
- Located in Southborough, Massachusetts (123,000 ft<sup>2</sup> central school facility, with 16 residential group homes).
- NECC's current operating budget is \$94 million.
- We employ just over 1,200 staff across all programs, including 183 Board Certified Behavior Analysts, 19 professionals with Ph.D's and 269 staff with master's level education.
- We have great staff retention: over 10% have been with the company for 10+ years; 29 for 25+ years.
- 372 employees are currently enrolled in one of our on-site graduate programs through Simmons or Western New England University. Over 1,300 staff received Master's degrees from one of these programs since 1987.
- We have a robust applied research program. Our faculty have presented 2,062 times at national and international conferences and have published 251 research articles in peer-reviewed academic journals.
- We provide consultation services to over 465 students throughout more than 70 schools.
- Over 4,620 students at NECC and in public school districts and agencies around the world use the ACE® ABA Software System (Autism Curriculum Encyclopedia), which was developed at NECC.
- During the 2016 school year, we provided 47 days of professional development training and workshops to 699 educational professionals from public school districts across the United States.
- In 2007, we opened a school for children with autism in Abu Dhabi; there are currently 184 students enrolled.
- We have provided educational programs for individual students around the world including in Bermuda, London, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Dubai and India.

## Recognition

- o 2017 Vincent Strully, Jr. named Business Leader of the Year, nonprofit division, Worcester Business Journal
- o 2017 SABA Award of International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis
- o 2015 SBANE (Small Business Assoc. of New England) Innovation Award for the ACE application
- o 2008 NASET (National Association of Special Education Teachers) School of Excellence
- o 2007 Vincent Strully, Jr. named Entrepreneur of the Year in New England by Ernst & Young
- o 2006 \$450,000 Challenge Grant Recipient The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan
- 2005 Award for Enduring Programmatic Contributions in Behavior Analysis from the SABA
- o 2000 National Award for Model Professional Development from the U.S. Department of Education

## **Capital Projects**

- o 2015 NECC raises \$10.9 M to build an Autism Institute and Student Center in Southborough
- o 2013 Construction completed on a state-of the art facility for NECC Abu Dhabi
- o 2012 NECC builds new staff day care center in Southborough
- o 2008 NECC raises \$5.5 M to open the Michael S. Dukakis Aquatic Center
- o 2007 NECC Abu Dhabi opens in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Education Council
- o 2002 NECC opens a state-of-the art preschool and early childhood center on Southborough campus