

## Our Professionals

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RCDS utilizes a team of **licensed and certified professionals** to oversee and/or provide care to our children and families.

Our Educational Enrichment Program staff includes:

- Teachers of Early Childhood Education
- Teachers of Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathologists & Clinical Fellows
- Teachers of the Vision & Hearing Impaired
- Board Certified Behavior Analysts
- Teachers of Speech & Hearing Handicapped

Our professionals must comply with all Department of Health personnel requirements for qualified EI providers including a NYS Central Register of Child Abuse & Maltreatment Clearance, NYS DOH EI approval, reference checks, annual medicals, certification or license verification & ongoing early childhood training.


## National Partnership


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In 2006, RCDS joined The MENTOR Network – a national network of local human services providers – offering an array of quality, community-based services to adults and children with developmental disabilities, acquired brain injury and other catastrophic injuries and illnesses; and to youth with emotional, behavioral and medically complex challenges as well as their families.


## Common Developmental “RED FLAGS”


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 **BY ONE YEAR:** Child does not react to sound or follow moving objects with their eyes; Doesn't reach for objects & pick them up, imitate speech sounds or recognize familiar faces; Doesn't pull to a stand, crawl, play peek-a-boo or patty cake, or say at least one word.

 **BY TWO YEARS** Child cannot say at least six words, feed themselves, walk without help, point, or follow simple directions; Cannot use two or three-word sentences, say about 50 words, show affection, feed themselves with a spoon, or recognize familiar people, objects or pictures.

 **BY THREE YEARS:** Child cannot ride a tricycle, repeat common rhymes, use three-to five word sentences, name at least one color correctly, put on their shoes, or open a door.

 **BY FOUR YEARS:** Child cannot understand two-part directions, simple comparisons or pretend vs. real; Cannot talk briefly about what he or she is doing; Cannot memorize simple and often repeated songs or stories.

 **BY FIVE YEARS:** Child cannot identify basic colors and shapes; Cannot retain information in the correct sequence; Cannot listen attentively to long stories or identify with story characters; Becomes overwhelmed or withdraws in stimulating environments.



## Educational Enrichment Program

*Developmental Groups,  
Individualized Therapy &  
Private Evaluations*



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## About Us

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Founded in 1999, Rockland Child Development Services (RCDS) is committed to reducing developmental delays among young children and strives to empower families through a variety of home- and community-based services. In addition to our publicly funded services, our **Educational Enrichment** program offers a range of **private pay** classes and services including:

- Interactive group care in our new state-of-the-art sensory classroom
- Individualized therapy
- Developmental evaluations
- Parent/Child groups

## Mommy & Me

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Mommy & Me classes use music, sensory play, cognitive skill building as well as language and visual stimulation exercises to help children meet their developmental goals. These interactive parent and child classes, for children ages 1 to 3, are held in the morning, afternoon or early evening for 45-60 minutes. We offer weekday and weekend sessions.

## Preschool Groups

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RCDS' family-centered kindergarten & reading readiness classes are designed for children ages 3 to 5. Our curriculum focuses on enhancing language, cognitive and social skills through science exploration, sensory play, circle time, arts and crafts, and other interactive group activities.

Parents or guardians may also participate in or observe group activity through our one-way observation window. Sessions run from 60 to 90 minutes with convenient morning, afternoon and early evening sessions. Both weekdays and weekend classes are available.

## Individualized Therapy

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In addition to our DOH funded Early Intervention and Preschool services, we offer private pay developmental services for children of all ages. Our individualized therapy services include speech therapy, special instructions and/or Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Services are offered at our Queens office as well as in the comfort of a child's own home or community.

## Private Evaluations

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RCDS' licensed and certified professionals can also provide confidential assessments for children of all ages. Our assessments evaluate a range of developmental or educational areas including but not limited to:

- Cognition
- Learning
- Socialization
- Speech & Language
- Feeding & Swallowing

Each assessment includes a full written report as well as an individualized consultation with parents to review findings and present recommendations.

## Our Sensory Classroom

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Our sensory classroom is equipped with a wide



array of developmental learning tools and educational toys for young children.

In addition, it is a **parent-friendly facility**, providing a one-way observation window and sitting area for caregivers to readily observe all group activity.

## Parental Involvement

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RCDS believes the key to a child's long-term success is consistent parental and family involvement. Therefore, our services require a parent or guardian to participate in some activities and to remain on site for the entire session.

## Service Costs

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Group services range from \$30-\$40 per session. Monthly passes are also available for a discounted rate. Private therapy and evaluation service rates vary depending on the setting and length of service.

For additional information please contact Executive Director, Dawn Mastoridis, at **866-715-3209 ext. 4111** or [dawn.mastoridis@thementornetwork.com](mailto:dawn.mastoridis@thementornetwork.com).