



ELWYN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



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INTRODUCTION TO ELWYN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

At Elwyn, we believe everyone deserves the chance to live a fulfilling and independent life.

As the oldest organization of its kind, we have spent decades developing solutions for individuals with complex behavioral and medical needs.

Our Children's Services—offered through programs like Elwyn Early Learning Services (ELS) and the Davidson School—provide early intervention, education, and behavioral health support that build a strong foundation for lifelong growth. These services help children achieve important developmental milestones in a caring and supportive environment.

Elwyn offers a full continuum of care that adapts to the changing needs of individuals from childhood through adulthood. We support every step of the journey, ensuring individuals and their families receive the guidance and services they need to thrive.

A key moment in this journey is the transition from school to adulthood, which can be especially challenging for individuals with autism, intellectual, and developmental disabilities (IDD). To support this, the Judy and Bill Strine Student Transition Center (STC) was created to help students aged 18 to 21 navigate this important phase with confidence. At STC, students prepare for meaningful careers, build lifelong friendships, and develop the skills needed for an independent, rewarding life.

EARLY LEARNING SERVICES

At Elwyn Early Learning Services (ELS), we believe every child deserves a chance to shine. We provide Preschool Early Intervention services to children ages 3 up to when they start school, helping those with developmental delays or disabilities in Philadelphia County and the City of Chester.

Early intervention is about more than just assessments — it's about walking alongside your family, offering support and guidance every step of the way. Our goal is to help your child grow, learn, and reach their full potential, while empowering families and communities with the tools to nurture and support their child's journey.

We know the early years are crucial, and the right support can open doors to a brighter future. If you have any concerns about your child's development, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to listen, help, and schedule a full evaluation tailored to your child and family's needs.

Call our Access to Care line at **215-222-8054** — together, we can help your child take those important first steps toward a joyful and successful life.





DAVIDSON SCHOOL

Our private school, fully licensed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is a place where every student is valued and supported. We serve children and young adults ages 3 to 21 who face a range of challenges, including autism, neurological conditions, vision or hearing loss, intellectual disabilities, behavioral needs, and complex medical conditions.


With close to 400 students across a variety of local school districts, we provide personalized support through small, caring classrooms designed to meet each child's unique needs. Every student receives tailored services through their Individualized Education Program (IEP), ensuring they have the tools and guidance to learn, grow, and succeed.

Our comprehensive programs include academic instruction, transition planning for life beyond school, and therapies such as speech, occupational, and physical therapy. We also offer important supports to promote life skill and overall health and wellness.



Beyond academics, our enrichment classes in art, music, library, and physical education encourage students to explore their creativity, build confidence, and connect with others.

We understand that families are part of this journey too, which is why we provide ongoing parent training and support groups throughout the year—because when families are supported, children thrive.



At Elwyn's Judy and Bill Strine Student Transition Center (STC), we don't just teach — we empower.



We help students with autism, intellectual disabilities, and related needs gain the skills and confidence to thrive in adulthood. Through classroom learning and real-world experiences, students build independence, self-confidence, and life skills.

The STC is more than a school—it's a supportive, hands-on community where students grow, discover their strengths, and build a future they're excited about.

The STC focuses on:

- **Work Readiness:**
Teamwork, problem-solving, and communication
- **Life Skills:**
Budgeting, reading schedules, and managing daily tasks
- **Social Skills:**
Building relationships and emotional awareness

COMMUNITY-BASED WORK EXPERIENCES

At the STC, community-based experiences are a vital part of learning. By partnering with local businesses—like restaurants, animal shelters, consignment shops, and warehouses—students explore careers, build real-world skills, and connect classroom lessons to everyday life. These hands-on opportunities help students grow socially, gain confidence, and feel a sense of purpose. Whether they're preparing food, caring for animals, organizing donations, or working in retail, each experience empowers them to discover their strengths and prepare for a meaningful, independent future.

ELWYN CAFÉ: BREWING CONFIDENCE AND COMMUNITY

At the **student-run Elwyn Café**, young people gain real-world job experience in a warm, supportive setting. From taking orders to managing inventory and keeping the space clean, students rotate through roles that build confidence, responsibility, and teamwork. One student even leads each shift as Assistant Manager, practicing leadership in a busy work environment. Beyond learning food service skills, students experience the joy of contributing to their community and taking pride in their work—preparing them not just for employment, but for a more independent, empowered future.



BUILDING REAL-LIFE SKILLS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

At the Strine Transition Center, students split their day between **life skills** and **hands-on work readiness activities**, giving them a well-rounded foundation for independence. In functional reading and writing classes, students learn to read menus, fill out job applications, and send emails—skills that help them engage confidently with the world around them. Functional math lessons focus on real-life needs like budgeting, telling time, and comparing prices, preparing students to manage their finances and daily routines. Each class is designed to build confidence, promote independence, and lay the groundwork for meaningful careers and empowered living.



Through hands-on experiences and onsite
and community-based learning,
students gain the confidence
and skills they need to thrive.



INSPIRING SKILLS, CREATIVITY, AND CONFIDENCE

Students not only learn important skills but discover their strengths and passions in a supportive, encouraging environment. In the Business Center, they gain hands-on office experience—printing, filing, designing flyers, and using tools like the Cricut—building the confidence needed for future careers. The Creativity Center is a safe space where students express themselves through art and teamwork, growing self-esteem and friendships along the way. In the Tech Lab, they explore digital tools like email, video editing, and coding, preparing to navigate today's technology-driven world.



These experiences help students believe in themselves, connect with others, and step confidently into their futures with pride and hope.



BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL CONFIDENCE

At the Strine Transition Center, students grow more than just job skills—they build the independence and social confidence needed for life. Through activities that teach emotional control, encourage planning social events, and strengthen friendships, students gain the tools to feel comfortable and succeed in social settings. These experiences help them believe in themselves and prepare to live with greater independence and joy.

APARTMENT LIVING

In the Apartment Living program, students gain hands-on experience with everyday tasks that help them build confidence and independence. They practice sorting clothes, doing laundry, making beds, and organizing their living space—small steps that bring a big sense of pride. Budgeting money, creating shopping lists, and preparing meals teach them how to care for themselves and manage daily life. During trips to the grocery store, students not only navigate aisles and check out but also learn to ask for help and make decisions, growing more confident with every visit. These real-world experiences empower students to take control of their lives and step forward with hope and self-reliance.





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