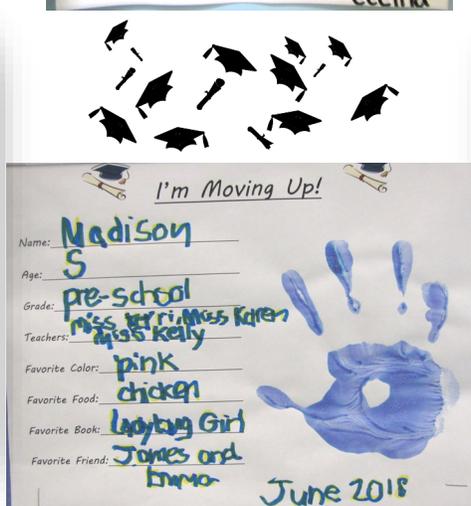
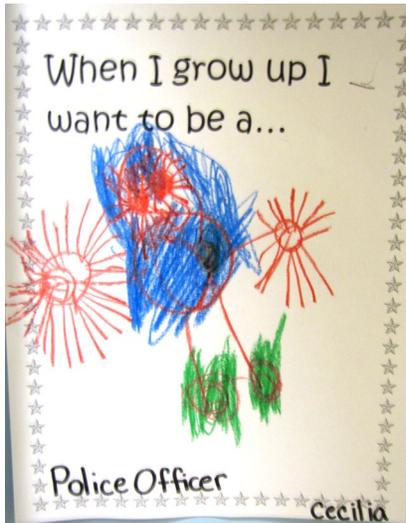




ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN
MOVING UP & READY FOR KINDERGARTEN PLACEMENT



Each year hundreds of children enter our programs at one of our four locations. These families have chosen Alternatives For Children knowing our reputation and for our longstanding commitment to children, their individual needs, and our own high standards. For each child and their family there is one overarching goal for us to achieve - assuring that children and their families have the tools and experiences necessary to build the foundation that will support them for the rest of their lives.

At Alternatives For Children, families find a complete continuum of educational, therapeutic, and family services that will enable them to respond to the needs of their child, and the child to reach their potential. As Special Education/Early Childhood educators, pediatric therapists, and support staff, we have the unique opportunity of providing children and their families with educational experiences in line with the tenets of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); the provision of an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) under the Early Intervention Program, provided in the child's "natural environment", or a Preschool Special Education Individual Education Plan (IEP) in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

Alternatives for Children

Mission Statement

To provide the highest quality special and regular education programs and services to children with disabilities and typically developing peers.

Education, medical, pediatric rehabilitation, and support services are integrated to ensure the comprehensive needs of the child and family are met.

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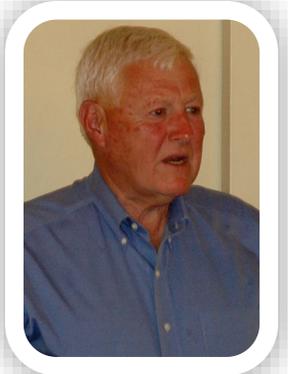
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ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Family and Friends of Alternatives For Children,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Michael Russel for his seventeen years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees. Michael is now taking full advantage of his semi-retirement status and spending time with family, traveling and pursuing all the remaining items on his bucket list! We are so fortunate to have benefitted from Mr. Russell's over forty years experience in the financial field, where he is a Senior Partner of the Russell Wealth Management Group of UBS Financial Services Inc. in Port Jefferson.



During his tenure as a Trustee, Mr. Russell chaired the Alternatives For Children Capital Campaign with the same level of personal service and professional integrity that he offered his clients. The Capital Campaign has been vital in ensuring the viability and continued growth of Alternatives For Children's programs and services.

Mr. Russell, along with his wife Barbara, are proud of their longstanding affiliation with Alternatives For Children, and feel privileged to have been associated with an organization that has been there for so many families. Although Michael has left the Board of Trustees, he and Barbara remain steadfast in their commitment that Alternatives For Children be poised for the future, to help the children still to follow!

One door closes and another opens! I would like to welcome to the Board of Trustees Jason Hsi, Esq., a Partner at Garfunkel Wild, P.C. He is a member of the firm's Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group, which advises clients on a host of litigation issues in both state and federal courts. Mr. Hsi is experienced in representing both plaintiffs and defendants in business and health care litigation. He has a broad range of litigation experience handling complex employment law and discrimination cases, health care reimbursement, and collection matters. He has counseled both individuals and businesses from a diverse range of industries and in all phases of litigation and appeals, in state and federal courts, as well as mediation and arbitration. We appreciate Jason's willingness to share his vast knowledge and experience with Alternatives For Children.

Please take the time to read through this Newsletter to find out about our upcoming Classic & Sports Car Rally and our 30th Anniversary Celebration. Hope to see you at both events!

As always, thank you to all of you for your generosity of spirit and your financial support! We couldn't be who we are to the children and their families without you.

Marie E. Ficano, Ed.D.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN 30TH ANNIVERSARY CASINO NIGHT CELEBRATION



Stonebridge Country Club Thursday, November 8, 2018

Fabulous food, live band, dancing, prizes, silent auctions, authentic Las Vegas style casino tables

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN 22ND ANNUAL CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR RALLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the *22nd Annual Alternatives for Children Classic and Sports Car Rally* directly benefiting the programs and services for the children with disabilities that we serve.

Each year we undertake an ambitious fundraising program, and are proud to report that *92% of all dollars brought in through our fundraising efforts goes directly to programs and services for the children.* You can *Make a Difference* in the life of a child with special needs, and *show your support* for the children by becoming a Classic & Sports Car Rally Sponsor, purchasing a Raffle Ticket or driving in the Rally.

With your help, Alternatives For Children can continue to give "our children" the tools and skills they need to be ready to learn.

You Won't Want to Miss this year's
Shelter Island Run

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$5,000 Monaco Sponsor - Event Sponsor

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Alternatives For Children Southampton

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Finish Line

Stonewalls Restaurant at Woods Golf Course

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Registration & Breakfast 9:15 am

Start: 10:00 am SHARP!

**Return Registration/Sponsorship/Raffle Ticket Request to
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register online until September 15th at

<http://www.alternativesforchildren.org/road-rally.html>

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ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN SOUTHAMPTON
 PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING & SMILES



The preschool years are a critically important time to provide special education services to children with developmental delays or disabilities. At this early age, children's brains are going through their most important period of development. This is the time when services can make the greatest impact. At Alternatives For Children we provide a full continuum of programs and therapeutic services to children with more severe disabilities who require specialized, supportive services alongside other children who also have an Individual Education Plan (IEP.)

A child may have a delay in one or more of the following functional areas of development:

- Cognitive skills related to thinking, learning, and interacting with the environment.
- Communication skills related to speaking, understanding, and using language and gestures.
- Physical/Motor skills related to vision, hearing, and movement, such as crawling, walking, using hands and fingers, and eye-hand coordination.
- Social/Emotional skills related to getting along with others, such as awareness of others, ability to express feelings, and imitating other children.
- Adaptive/Self-Help skills related to independence, such as toileting, eating, and dressing.

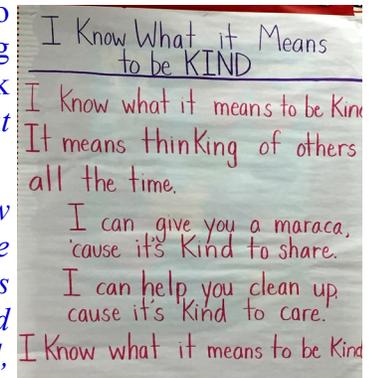
Collaborative Team Approach - IEP Coordinator, Special Education Teacher & Teacher Assistant, Music, Occupational, Physical, Speech Therapy, Psych & Social Work Services, Parents
COMMON GOALS + ACHEIVEMENT = SMILES

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN DIX HILLS
 THE POWER OF KINDNESS



This Spring, the Dix Hills staff came together to collaboratively plan lessons for intentional teaching focusing on kindness. They chose a picture book about the power of kindness, *Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller*, as their foundation.

When Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress, her classmate contemplates how to make her feel better and what it means to be kind. This moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind, and how each act, big or small, can make a difference - or at least help a friend.



Classroom discussion reinforcing our Pyramid Model motto of "We are Safe, We are Kind, We are Ready," singing songs, sharing our thoughts and feelings, expressing emotions in words and movement . . .

Through our Shared Experience we ALL moved a little closer to KIND

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN EAST SETAUKET INTENTIONAL TEACHING OF PROSOCIAL SKILLS & BEHAVIORS

Part of any quality early childhood program's role is to help children become kind, generous, and empathic people. Starting intentional teaching of social/emotional skills early is important because early prosocial tendencies often continue into later years. Children who are more prosocial when they begin school continue to be more prosocial in the primary grades.

40% of children with disabilities lack age-appropriate social skills when starting kindergarten. In order to support our students and better prepare them for their transition to the kindergarten environment, we intentionally teach children social/emotional skills and provide opportunities to practice play organizing, sharing, being helpful, taking turns, apologizing and complimenting within their daily interactions. Educational and therapeutic staff actively engage with children as they practice these skills through modeling skills and inspiring, supporting, and encouraging children as they "try out" their new skills.

Within each of our classrooms at Alternatives For Children there are a variety of centers. The children spend a large part of their day in small group play/learning circulating through these interest areas. It is here that the educational and therapeutic staff have the opportunity to work with children in small groups, delivering greater individualized attention on teaching and reinforcing social skills along with the other goals on each child's Individualized Education Plan.



Sharing toys and materials
Taking turns & Transitioning
Suggesting play roles & ideas
Cooperative play
Listening
Problem Solving
Conflict Resolution

Interest Areas

- Art Exploratory
- Block Play
- Dramatic Play
- Toys, Games & Puzzles
- Library & Literacy Center
- Science & Math Discovery
- Housekeeping
- Music & Movement
- Large Motor Play
- Sensory & Fine Motor Play
- Writing Center
- Quiet Area

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN AQUEBOGUE LET'S MOVE - GROSS MOTOR PLAY



Our educational and therapeutic staff are trained in the basics of childhood obesity prevention, and are aware that we, as an organization, play an important role in helping to get children and their families off to a healthy start.

Studies show that physical activity promotes brain development, improves sleep, builds self confidence, and reduces stress and depression. At Alternatives For Children we follow guidelines that recommend that preschoolers in a full day program engage in 120 minutes or more of physical activity (for half-day programs, 60 minutes or more.)

That's why we Run . . . Jump . . . Climb . . . Slide . . . MOVE

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ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN
WHAT OUR PARENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT US



The best school in all they do. From the school staff, teachers and even the bus drivers are fantastic people. Always greeting you with a happy face and always positive. Thank you so so much for all you guys do for our son and all the other children. You guys ROCK!



My son has learned so much at Alternatives For Children. He is going to be ready for kindergarten. I will miss this school and wonderful staff. Absolutely wonderful experience for our son and our family.