

**The Regional Consultation
Program provides services to the
Department of Public Health
Southeast Region**

Abington	Marion
Acushnet	Marshfield
Attleboro	Mashpee
Avon	Mattapoisett
Barnstable	Middleborough
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Eastham	Rockland
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Edgartown	Seekonk
Fairhaven	Somerset
Fall River	Stoughton
Freetown	Swansea
Foxboro	Taunton
Gay Head	Tisbury
Gosnold	Truro
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About Us

In July 2014, Meeting Street took over

leadership of The Schwartz Center in Dartmouth Massachusetts, illustrating the shared vision of becoming a national leader in child development, education, research and training. Opened in 1947 when a parent, Agnes "Posa" Raposa, discovered that there were few, if any local services available for her son who was born with cerebral palsy. She dedicated her life to helping children with disabilities and together with other parents was the driving force behind the creation of the Cerebral Palsy Council of Greater New Bedford. The Council established the region's first educational and treatment opportunities for children with cerebral palsy, and soon added therapies and a number of other programs. As the reputation of these services spread, parents sought care for children with a variety of disabilities. In 1971 the Cerebral Palsy Clinic was renamed The Schwartz Center for Children in honor of Dr. Isaac H. Schwartz, the founding medical director of the Center, dedicated nearly 25 years to working with our children and families.

With The Schwartz Center now a part of Meeting Street family, we move together as one organization educating and serving over 4,000 children and families annually throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Supporting Transition of 3-5 year olds into the Public Schools



Meeting Street
The Schwartz Center

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Dartmouth, MA 02747

Transitioning children between the ages of 3 and 5 years old into public preschool special education programs is the specialty of our Regional Consultation Program (RCP for short). RCP, in collaboration with Early Education and Care (EEC), and Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Specialists (CFCE) is available to assist:

- Early Intervention Programs
- Public Preschool Programs
- Parents
- Early Education and Care Programs (Family and Center based child care programs)

RCP works with each of these programs to ensure a smooth transition for the child, parents and public schools.



We provide:

- Consultation on the referral, evaluation and team meeting process
- Resource and referral information
- Transition and inclusion support to parents and providers



Who Can Refer?

- Parents of 2 ½ to 5 year old children
- Child care programs can refer a parent who has a concern about their child's developmental needs. The RCP can aid the parent by outlining the referral and evaluation process to the Public School with them
- Early intervention programs with children over 3 years old where parents need further support in the transition process
- Public schools can refer children to facilitate a smooth transition from Early Intervention to Public Preschool Special Education Services.

Testimonial

“Through the Regional Consultation Program, we have been able to access a multitude of resources to assist with our son’s progress, development and management of care. We were able to obtain equipment on loan for our son to utilize at home as we assessed the appropriate tools for him. RCP opened a number of doors for our family in the areas of insurance, public school transition, a well as a number of other programs. When our son turned three, RCP was able to provide support and information to insure an appropriate preschool program where our son has made tremendous progress.”

-Kate, parent



How do I enroll in RCP?

To make a referral or for more information please contact:

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