

# THE PANICHI CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND LEARNING



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## History

Dedicated in 2007, the Panichi Center was substantially funded by the Panichi family, which owns and operates Royal Carting.

In the early 2000s, Evelyn Constantino, the daughter of Emil and Emily Panichi, recognized the need to expand the then-Saint Francis Hospital special needs preschool, moving it from worn-down trailers parked on a vacant parcel and into a clean and modern 8,500 square-foot space.

Evelyn rallied her family for major initial financial support, later helped endow the future of the Center in 2010, and continues to be personally involved in its operations to this day — down to organizing a partnership with the nearby Dutchess Day School to provide artwork for the Center's walls.

# About

The Panichi Center For Communication and Learning in Beacon is the Hudson Valley's only hospital-affiliated special needs preschool, welcoming students with medical conditions requiring interventions and therapy to address developmental disabilities and delays.

The Center provides programs for children aged 18 months to five years with a variety of disabilities including:

- Autism
- Speech delays
- Gross and fine motor delays
- Hearing impairment
- Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD)
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
- Down Syndrome
- Cerebral Palsy

The Center also features a satellite office for adults as well as children to treat communication disorders such as speech, hearing, and problems with swallowing.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) accredits the program.



# Early Education Center

The Panichi Family Center for Communication and Learning is part of the MidHudson Regional Early Education Center. Empowering children to learn and grow since 1988, the Early Education Center offers preschool and day care services at five sites in the Hudson Valley. Strongly rooted in the well-established principles of developmental play, children at the Early Education Center are free to engage with their surroundings while building their self-esteem. This approach ensures children are exposed to a wide variety of learning opportunities and experiences.



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