

Press Release

Rhode Island School Wins National Award for Innovation

The Wolf School honored at 2012 NAPSEC Leadership Conference in Phoenix, AZ

East Providence, January 30, 2012: The Wolf School in East Providence, Rhode Island is the proud recipient of the 2012 Award for Leadership and Innovation from the National Association of Private Education Centers (NAPSEC). NAPSEC is a member organization of over 300 providers of educational therapeutic services for publically and privately placed students with special needs. The Wolf School was recognized for its Immersion Model, a unique method for educating complex learners that imbeds therapeutic services such as speech and occupational therapy into the academic curriculum.

Jessica Robins Miller, Head of School, accepted the award at this year's NAPSEC conference in Phoenix, AZ, commenting, "This is a wonderful validation of the important role our school plays in the continuum of educational services."

Founded in 1999, The Wolf School addresses barriers to learning for children with challenges in language processing, sensory regulation and social skills. The school serves up to 52 children from Rhode Island and Massachusetts in grades K through 8. Faculty and staff also offer trainings at local and national conferences, and provide consultation services to schools as many of the strategies and techniques developed at Wolf are adaptable for the regular classroom setting.

Miller says, "The Wolf School was created out of an entrepreneurial spirit to address an unmet need in the educational landscape. The Immersion Model works with the learning needs of individual students and gives them the opportunity to be successful learners. Everyday our staff and supporters make a difference in the lives of the children and families who walk through our doors."

At Wolf, the foundation for learning requires that students be "ready to learn" and "ready to listen." Movement plays a critical role in this approach. Younger students begin the day with a sensory regulation activity the school has created called Move-to-Learn. Conversely, middle school students end the day with a physical education class to help them transition home. Throughout the day, sensory modulation is maintained by alternating movement with sedentary activity every 90 minutes.

Rosy Granoff, Director of Admission and a founding board member notes, "Since its inception Wolf has directly served 140 children and their families. Our students come from cities and towns within a 70-mile radius. The Wolf School is a resource for our entire state and region."

Miller concurs, "We are honored to receive national recognition for our work in the field of special education. It is another example of how Rhode Island as a small state, has a big impact!"

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