



## About the JCFS Yeshiva:

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### The JCFS Yeshiva: *Addressing a Child's Unique Needs*

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#### Mission and Vision

Creating opportunities for students' academic, social-emotional, and Jewish success.

Seeking reintegration for all Jewish students with emotional or behavioral disabilities.

#### What is the JCFS Yeshiva?

The JCFS Yeshiva, a Jewish therapeutic school program founded in 1991, creates opportunities for students' academic, social-emotional, and Jewish success, and seeks reintegration for all Jewish students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. The Yeshiva is housed at Joy Faith Knapp Children's Center at 3145 W. Pratt Blvd, Chicago. It is directed by Rabbi David M. Rosenberg.

As part of the JCFS Therapeutic Day School (TDS), the JCFS Yeshiva is accredited by **AdvancED**. It is supported by the **Kehillah Jewish Education Fund** and by the **Jewish Day School Guaranty Trust Fund** in partnership with the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. The JCFS Yeshiva works closely with students' families and with **Associated Talmud Torahs, REACH, day school principals and professionals**, and others.

JCFS Yeshiva faculty members are on the staff of TDS. The Yeshiva is located within TDS and benefits from the professional talents of the TDS staff and from the Knapp Center's various amenities. JCFS Yeshiva students participate in self-contained classes.

#### Tell us about your students

The JCFS Yeshiva serves children from observant Jewish homes with a range of emotional special education classifications, including: Emotional Disability, Learning Disability, and ADHD-type problems.

For **2017-18**, the JCFS Yeshiva will accommodate boys and girls in grades K-8, depending on date of birth. Older students may be accommodated in non-Yeshiva classrooms and still receive Yeshiva services. Students have previously attended Akiba Schechter, Arie Crown, Cheder Lubavitch, Hillel Torah, Yeshiva Ohr Boruch, and Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi.

Students have **reintegrated** from the JCFS Yeshiva to Arie Crown, Cheder Lubavitch, Hillel Torah, Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov, Fasman Yeshiva High School, Ida Crown

Jewish Academy, and Yeshiva of South Bend. High school graduates have **continued their education** at UIC, Northeastern Illinois, and Truman College.

#### Tell us about your services

The Yeshiva combines the therapeutic services and general studies curriculum of TDS with Jewish studies and tefillah in two **self-contained classes** and a **Beit Midrash**. The **general studies curriculum** is based on Illinois State Board of Education requirements.

Each student's **education program** sets forth unique educational goals. Progress is evaluated regularly. To assist students, the following services are provided as indicated: **social work services; speech-language therapy and occupational therapy; physical education** in the Knapp Center gym; **art; library/resource** department; a **life-skills room; Transition and Vocational** services; support for **reintegration** to mainstream Jewish schools. Our therapeutic team approach brings together staff, family, outside providers and educators, and the student. Faculty communicates regularly with families.

#### Tell us about your staff

JCFS Yeshiva staff includes two special education teachers, a teacher's aide, and two rabbis, one of whom provides Reintegration support. TDS staff includes: Clinicians; Occupational and Speech Therapists; Resource Department; Transition Coordinator; Vocational Counselor; Art Director; Support Team; and School Nurse.

#### What is the Partnership Program?

Partnership students start the school day at their Jewish day school (generally for Jewish studies) and complete the day at the JCFS Yeshiva for academics and therapeutic services. A partnership arrangement may ease a student's full return to his day school.

#### For more information

- FAQs: When a Day School Student Faces Emotional or Behavioral Challenges; Applying to the JCFS Yeshiva; About JCFS Yeshiva Placement
- Call **855 ASK-JCFS (855-275-5237)** 7/2017