

Opening The Doors Program, nationally recognized by the Slingshot Fund for its innovation, enables over 1,200

children with diverse learning differences and abilities to participate in

a quality, inclusive Jewish education with their peers. Master level special educators and para educators are present in pre-schools, congregations

and religious schools to engage students and empower staff with strategies. Professional development programs, community conferences, and a teen leadership program provide disability awareness and resources for families, educators and professionals. Working in partnership with schools, educational and mental health organizations, Opening The Doors offers educational and community services which empower, engage and include.



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OPENING THE DOORS PROGRAM

“For every closed door there is one that is opened.”

– Helen Keller





Opening The Doors (OTD)

OTD Special Educators Network provides master level Special educators to Jewish schools, enabling 1,200 students with diverse learners to participate in a quality Jewish education with their peers.

Doors to the Future

Para educators provide one-on-one, short term intervention for over 26 students with learning differences in early childhood centers: Partially funded by the Jewish Women's Foundation.

Efshar Circle

An Opening The Doors and Friendship Circle collaborative Sunday School providing diverse learners with multi-sensory lessons at individual levels with one-on-one volunteers.

Conferences and Seminars

Anita Naftaly Family Circle Conference, Day School Conference and Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month community-wide events with renowned authors, book and movie events that provide resources for parents, teachers and mental health professionals. Partially funded by the Anita Naftaly Family Circle Fund and other partners.

Harold Wade Madrichim Leadership Institute

An interactive teen training program that empowers congregational school teens with leadership skills and strategies to assist students with learning differences: Partially funded by Harold Wade.



School Inclusion Program

Opening The Doors provides students with an array of learning differences, full-time classroom assistants and additional consultant services for an inclusive and engaging Jewish day school education with their same-aged peers. Partially funded by the Farber Family Foundation and the Jewish Fund Teen Board. Partially funded by the Zuckerman Klein Family Support Foundation and Family and The Jewish Fund.



ELI (Enhanced Learning Initiative)

Opening The Doors provides Day School teachers Professional Development certificate program, part time para educators, speech and language consultation and psych-educational testing to enhance the success of all learners. Partially funded by the Jewish Fund.

Special Needs Camp

KAT: (Kids All together) Children with special needs ages 2-½ - 14, participate in camp activities with their peers, with the support of trained inclusion counselors.

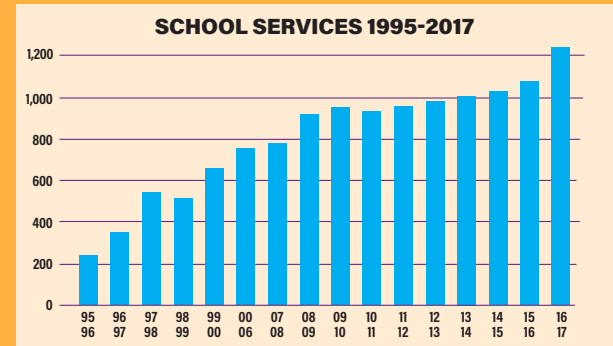
SNAP: (Special Needs Adventure Program): Campers in 5th grade - age 26, participate in camp fun and new experiences in off-campus field trips.

YAAT: (Young Adults All Together) Participants ages 15-26, participate in summer activities and volunteer at organizations with trained staff/job coaches to practice "soft skills" like communication, teamwork and leadership.



Ambinder-Lyness Learning Abilities Program (LAP)

OTD Ambinder-Lyness Learning Abilities Program provides an opportunity for children and adolescents with academic and/or emotional differences that are impacting their daily functioning. The program was designed to provide diagnostic, academic/tutorial and therapeutic services to maximize functioning.



INCREASING IMPACT THROUGH COLLABORATIONS

