



Elmy's Children Services

New Jersey based 501c(3) serving the
special needs community since 2002



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Mission Statement

“Our mission is to provide care to the hardest-to-serve individuals & underserved communities.”

Elmy's Special Services, Inc II. believes that every person, regardless of his or her race, ethnicity or disability, should be treated with dignity and respect. Because of this belief, we will ensure that every person be afforded the opportunity to achieve his or her full potential through appropriate and individualized programming. Our primary goal is to educate, serve, and support individuals who are diagnosed with developmental or emotional disabilities.

We believe that excellence, professionalism, leadership and creativity is the foundation of our success. The agency is committed to promoting individual growth through ongoing training and support.

History of Elmy's Special Services

Elmy's Special Services, Inc II began when a group of professionals from varying cultural backgrounds collaborated in order to best serve and support individuals with developmental disabilities as well as their families. At that time, we found that in low socio-economic communities that were mostly composed of immigrants, many were generally under-served. It appeared that these individuals shied away from services because of cultural and linguistic barriers. This reality was fundamental in the group's decision to form Elmy's Special Services, an organization that provides quality and comprehensive services to individuals and caretakers.

The primary focus of Elmy's Special Services, Inc II. was to ensure that the individual would not only be protected and safeguarded, but also be afforded the greatest opportunity to develop. To do so, we focused on goal-oriented projects, which include personal care and services, along with meaningful educational activities.

Today, Elmy's Special Services, Inc II. provides services on an individualized basis. We also emphasize the importance of public policy and advocacy to champion the rights of individuals diagnosed with disabilities.





Children's Services

I/DD Family Support Services

- ❶ Self-Hired Respite (SHR)
- ❷ Agency After School Care (AAS)
- ❸ Agency Weekend Recreation (AWR)
- ❹ Overnight Respite (OVR)
- ❺ Agency Hired Respite (AHR)
- ❻ Elmy's Explorer's Summer Camp

Developmental Disabilities Family Support Services

Counties served: All New Jersey counties.

Elmy's Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities I/DD Family Support services and Respite care deliver vital support to parents and primary caregivers of youth diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities, who deal with distinct and frequently overwhelming challenges. Respite services give caregivers the opportunity to rest, participate in enjoyable activities, or catch up on personal tasks by offering them much-needed breaks.

Developmental Disability Family Support services are intended to help support uncompensated caregivers for individuals who are eligible for developmental disability services and living in their own homes. Under the direction of the New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council, Regional Family Support Planning Councils assist the Children's System of Care (CSOC) in the allocation of funding for these services by making recommendations based on input they receive from families.

CSOC evaluates requests for Family Support based on an individual's need, the services and supports already available and/or being used, and the availability of CSOC resources. Family Support is not an entitlement and cannot be guaranteed. Budget allocations dictate the availability of services. Families must exhaust any other services to which they are entitled before they can receive assistance through Family Support.

Eligibility Criteria for Respite Services

The individual is eligible for Respite Services if:

- The individual is deemed eligible for CSOC developmental disability (DD) services.
- The individual is under the age of 21 and will not turn 21 before the end of the dates selected for respite services.
- The individual resides at home with a caregiver.
- The individual is aged 4 to under 21 years old

Cyber ID Number required for application

You can find out if your child is DD-eligible through PerformCare. You will need the individual's Cyber ID Number in order to apply for our respite program.

In order to get your child's Cyber ID Number, please follow the steps below:

- Call 877 652 7624
- Register with PerformCare
- Get the Cyber ID number to confirm Respite eligibility

The following services generally are offered in throughout New Jersey. Individual regions may have different options. More information related to Family Support may be found by referencing the Family Support Act of 1993.

Self-Hired Respite (SHR)

Personalized Care with Your Chosen Caregiver

At Elmy's Special Services, we value the unique needs of every family, offering the flexibility to choose your own caregiver. Self-Hired Respite (SHR) empowers families to recruit and hire their own respite worker, offering a personalized approach to care.

Families must ensure that their chosen worker meets all Federal and New Jersey requirements, including having a Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) and being over 18 years old. The family is responsible for direct payment and managing reimbursement through monthly documentation submitted to the provider agency.

- Self-Hired Respite offers up to 90 hours per 90 days.
- Flexible usage within the authorization period.
- Training provided by agency providers ensures that family-selected workers are knowledgeable and equipped to deliver high-quality care.

Agency After School Care (AAS)

Nurturing Growth Beyond the Classroom

At Elmy's Special Services, we believe in nurturing the potential of every child through engaging and supportive programs. This service provides enriching social and recreational experiences for youth at the end of the school day in a supportive group setting.

Agency After School Care caters to preschool-aged children enrolled in public school's Pre-K programs and those attending Extended School Year programs. The activities take place at a school site, providing a safe and engaging environment away from home. While families are responsible for arranging transportation, providers may include transportation costs within the posted rate, ensuring no additional charges.

- Agency After School Care offers up to 240 hours per 90 days, inclusive of transportation.
- Families can utilize the service flexibly as needed within the authorization period.



Agency Weekend Recreation (AWR)

Fun-Filled Weekends for Youth

Elmy's Special Services is dedicated to creating vibrant experiences that enhance the lives of youth and their families. Agency Weekend Recreation (AWR) offers a vibrant and engaging environment where youth can enjoy social and recreational activities from Friday evening through Sunday.

This service occasionally includes community outings, enriching the weekend experience. While Agency Weekend Recreation does not cover respite services during overnight hours, it ensures that youth have ample opportunities to interact and grow in a group setting outside their homes.

- Agency Weekend Recreation is available for up to 75 hours per 90 days.
- Offers flexible usage within the authorized period.
- Elmy's provides transportation for this program.

Overnight Respite (OVR)

Safe and Supportive Overnight Care

Elmy's Special Services is committed to providing safe and supportive environments for youth, even overnight. Overnight Respite (OVR) offers youth diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) the opportunity to stay overnight in a safe and supportive environment, separate from their own homes.

This service provides short-term alternate living arrangements with round-the-clock supervision and care in licensed facilities. Families are responsible for transportation arrangements, with no additional funds provided for transportation beyond the posted rate.

- Overnight Respite is available for up to 14 nights in a rolling 365-day period, depending on availability.
- The service ensures that youth receive the care and supervision they need in a licensed, secure setting.

Agency Hired Respite (AHR) Professional Care Tailored for Your Family

At Elmy's Special Services, our mission is to provide families with the highest quality care through expertly trained professionals. Agency Hired Respite (AHR) connects families with professionally recruited, trained, and employed respite workers from qualified a qualified agency.

These dedicated workers provide enriching social and recreational experiences to youth, either at home or within the community.

- With Agency Hired Respite, families can access up to 90 hours of respite care per 90 days
- Compliance with Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements is mandatory, ensuring high standards of service.

Detailed information on EVV compliance can be found at the NJ CSOC Information Center.



Elmy's Explorer's Summer Camp For Children Diagnosed with Special Needs

Counties served: All New Jersey counties.

ESS Summer Day Camp is designed for your child's and teen's enrichment. Experience the ultimate in summer activities for kids and teens. Our summer camp caters to your child or teen's interest, including music, art, wellness activities, and more.

Give your child the opportunity to follow their passion, meet new people, have fun, and enhance their skills. Elmy's Explorer's Summer Camp is carefully tailored for each age group and led by team leaders and skill builders with 20+ years of summer camp experience.

- Fun and Enriching Summer Activities for All Ages
- Summer Camp Experience by age group
- We provide transportation – and offer convenient hours
- Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided
- Campers just need to bring lunch.*

Activities & Field Trips

Campers will participate in an unforgettable summer day experience combining summer camp traditions with enrichment and educational activities. Campers play fun games and sports, create cool arts and crafts projects, sing along songs, and embark on a weekly field trip.

SUMMER CAMP NJ

Applications open year-round!

For Ages 5-17

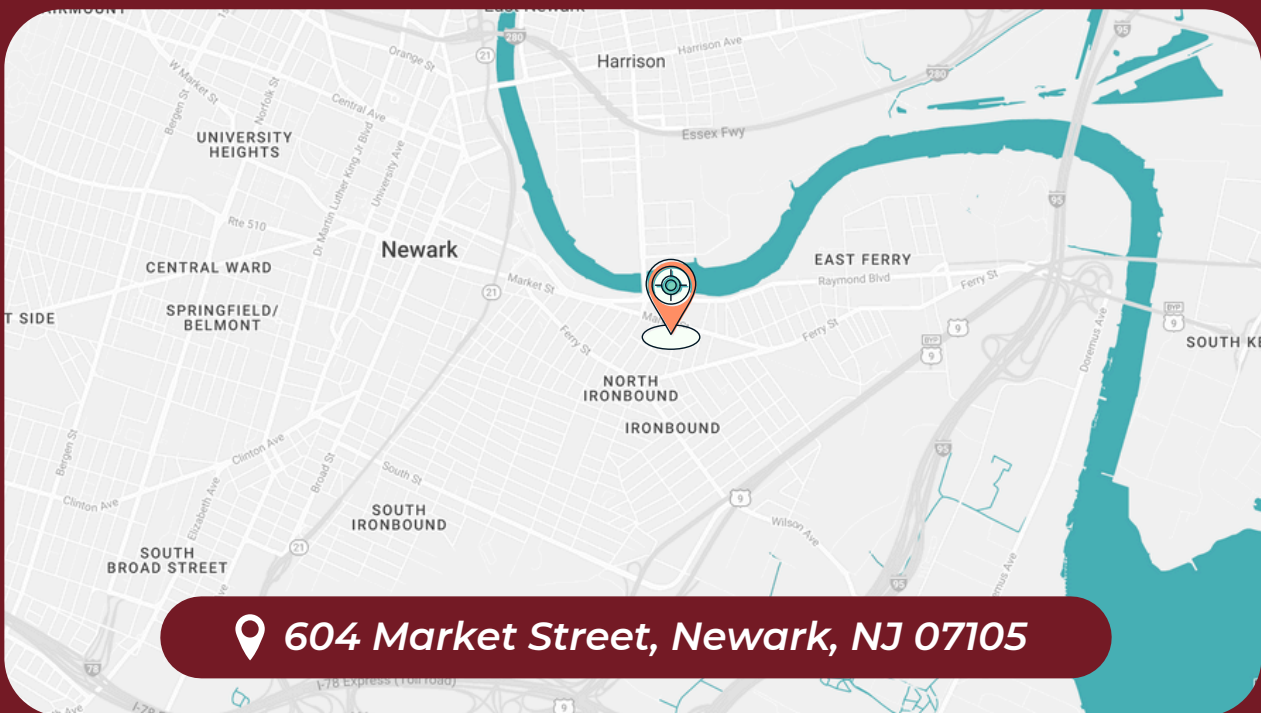
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