

**Norris Academy offers comprehensive, holistic services to residents with autism spectrum disorders and other neurodevelopmental diagnoses.**

Norris Academy is a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) licensed to serve up to 63 youth whose needs require an intensive level of care. Residents typically have co-occurring psychiatric and neurodevelopmental diagnoses that have caused distress at home, at school, or in the community. Our experienced team of professionals assess the functions of maladaptive behaviors, develop plans to support behavioral change, and provide individualized psychiatric, therapeutic, and educational services within a highly supportive environment. Norris staff work collaboratively with families, community service providers, and schools to transition residents back into their communities safely and effectively.



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## **Norris Academy**

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**Residential Treatment for  
Children and Teens with Autism  
and Neurodevelopmental  
Disorders**



*Improving the Lives of Youth, Families, and Communities*





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## Client-Centered

Norris Academy's state-of-the-art program is designed with the unique needs of our residents in mind. Individually tailored services are delivered within the supportive, therapeutic environment by passionate, highly trained staff. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services are offered for increased support and skill-building for highly vulnerable residents. Norris Academy also provides opportunities for residents to engage in sensory integration. The facility features multiple indoor and outdoor community/recreational spaces that are used to support self-regulation and promote healthy social interactions with peers.

## Resident Profile

- Male and female youth, ages 6 to 17 years old
- Diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, or other neurodevelopmental disorder
- Co-occurring mental health diagnoses (with the exception of conduct disorder) including:
  - Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
  - Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder (DMDD)
  - Trauma-related diagnosis
- Less intensive and less restrictive clinical settings have been attempted without success and/or have been ruled out due to safety concerns
- Demonstrated need for highly structured environment due to inability to maintain stability in a community setting
- Parent/guardian consent to treatment and ability/willingness to participate in treatment as clinically necessary



## Educational Programming

At Norris Academy, we provide quality, individualized instruction tailored to each resident's unique developmental and intellectual abilities and potential. Our year-round school is composed of six classrooms that feature small, structured environments for 6-12 students. Most of our residents come to Norris Academy with Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs), which are adapted and implemented by our state-certified Special Education teachers to ensure each resident's needs are met effectively. Educational opportunities are critical to helping our residents develop into healthy adults, so we work with families and home school districts to ensure interventions are continued after the youth transitions.

## Our Staff

Our experienced professional staff work closely with each resident to identify their strengths and needs, and to support their progress throughout the program and mastery of critical life skills. Our comprehensive team of clinical, medical, and youth care professionals includes:

- Psychiatrist
- Board-certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA)
- Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs), which are supervised by a BCBA
- 24-hour onsite nursing staff
- Nurse Practitioner
- Special education certified teachers
- Occupational Therapist (as necessary)
- Speech-language Therapist (as necessary)