

Services of the Lifeways School

- *Individual assessments applying person-centered planning*
- *After school program:*
 - Recreational activities*
 - Community experience*
 - Arts and crafts*
- *Summer program:*
- *Clinical consultation as needed*
- *Home training*
 - Support services to families for behavioral programming*
- *Replacement of challenging behaviors with appropriate social and communication responses*
- *Plans developed to treat appropriate skills that will generalize across home, community and school*



The Lifeways School is a program of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative

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Programs for students with medical challenges	978-685-3000
Essex Academy	978-685-3000
VISIONS/SCALE (Vocational Programs)	978-685-3000
Multicultural Enrichment	978-685-3000
Transportation Services	978-685-3000

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Individualized academic, social, behavioral and in-home supports for children with developmental disabilities

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The Lifeways School was founded in 1999 with the express goal of addressing the challenges faced by students with developmental disabilities so that they may return to their home school.

The philosophy of the school is based on the assumptions:

- ▶ that challenging behaviors (excesses or deficits) are due to poor communicative ability;
- ▶ that challenging behaviors require a thorough functional analysis (why is he or she doing this?) prior to treatment;
- ▶ that all instruction should occur in the least restrictive/most typical setting possible.

Lifeways serves students with:

Autism
PDD
Mental Retardation
Asperger's Syndrome
Psychiatric/Emotional Issues

Who may also have the following challenging behaviors:

aggression
self-injury
property destruction
inappropriate verbal behavior
eating disorders
selective/elective autism

In addition, Lifeways also addresses academic, vocational, social and peer relationship deficits

The Lifeways School provides the following supports

- Small classroom setting serving students 5 through 22 years of age
- Intensive supports
 - Behavioral Assessment
 - Speech Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Nursing Services
 - Physical Therapy
 - Other specialist services available as needed
- All staff trained in CPI and CPR
- Functional curriculum and community experiences
 - Adaptive living skills
 - Functional academics
 - Social skills
 - Community skills/experience
 - Vocational supports
- Clinical supports available to train, supervise and guide teachers, staff and families