

How can I learn more about Little Lighthouse?

Referrals to our program need to come through your child's school. You can discuss Little Lighthouse with your child's teacher, principal or social worker about the program and they will help make the referral.

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and



Some things that parents are saying about Lighthouse:

“Before Lighthouse I was at a loss to get my son into a classroom. After Lighthouse I am so relieved to see him go to school every day!”

“My daughter is in a much better place because of Lighthouse.”

“It was so great to watch my child open up and begin to trust others.”

“Lighthouse made a real difference!”



Little Lighthouse

People working together to help children in grades K-5 become great learners

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What is Little Lighthouse?

Little Lighthouse is a therapeutic educational program that can work with you, your child and your child's school to find new ways to help him/her become a more successful learner. Little Lighthouse students leave their home schools and come to the Little Lighthouse Classroom on the TST BOCES campus on Warren Road in Ithaca, NY for about six weeks.

There are only six children in the program at a time so students receive a lot of care and support in Little Lighthouse. Our team of skilled and compassionate teachers and mental health professionals have developed a warm and inviting classroom. There we can build on your child's strengths and help him/her practice new skills that will support learning. The Little Lighthouse program includes:

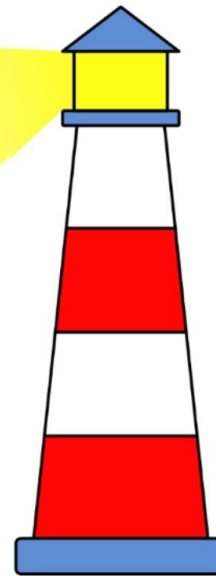
- Individualized social/emotional and academic assessment
- Academic skill building for students
- Support and skill building for families
- Individual and group counseling and play therapy for students
- Referral to community supports
- Comprehensive transition planning with you and your child's home school

How is the Little Lighthouse Classroom Staffed?

Students and families work with a program team that includes a teacher, a classroom monitor, a full time social worker, a half-time social worker and a consulting psychologist.

What happens if my child is referred to Little Lighthouse?

Our area schools work really hard to help students, but sometimes schools need fresh ideas to help a child become a successful learner. When that happens, the school may talk with you about a Little Lighthouse referral. If you decide to look into an admission at Little Lighthouse, you and the school will fill out a basic application together and send it to the Program Director. She will talk with you and the staff at your child's school within a couple of days of the referral and will schedule a time for you and your child to come and visit the classroom. You will meet the staff, see the program and together we will figure out whether a Little Lighthouse admission is a good idea. If we all decide the program is a good match for your child, we will arrange admission as soon as possible.



Family Involvement

If your child comes to Little Lighthouse, you will be an important member of our team! We have learned that when families are involved in a Little Lighthouse admission, students are more successful. You will be asked to be involved in daily communication in ways that work for you and your family. We will also invite you to visit in the classroom and we request your participation in monthly family groups.

Funding and Transportation

Your child's school district pays for the Little Lighthouse Program. There is no cost to you at all. The school district will arrange for your child to be bussed to the program on a daily basis.

Sometimes things get in the way of children learning with ease. A big life change, a medical problem, a family crisis, an unidentified learning disability or school anxiety can make it hard for children to learn in school. When that happens, schools and families sometimes turn to the Little Lighthouse Program for support!