


This is DCASE

...an alliance of nonpublic special education and charter schools that serve students with disabilities from the District of Columbia.




DCASE Members at a Glance

Members represent unique diversity and scope of knowledge, experience, and perspective for a single organization.

A few examples...


- St. John's Community Services has served the Washington community since 1868.
- The Episcopal Center for Children began as an orphanage in the District of Columbia in 1894.
- The Kingsbury Center began in 1939; The Children's Guild in 1953.
- The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute was founded in 1959 and named for President John Kennedy's older brother.



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Together, the members of DCASE represent over 500 years of combined service to children, and can boast some notable results.

They currently serve more than 3,000 special needs students in total, ranging in age from 3 to 22 years.



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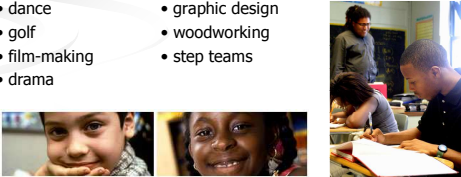
Today, DCASE members serve 68% of students from DC who are in nonpublic special education programs. The students come from each of the eight Wards in the District and represent the diversity of socio-economic conditions in the city.



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In addition to providing traditional services, members seek creative ways to help children grow. Students can participate in...


- drumming
- horseback riding
- chess clubs
- dance
- golf
- film-making
- drama
- ceramics
- swimming and hydrotherapy
- jobsite programs building houses
- graphic design
- woodworking
- step teams



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Students can participate in a variety of extracurricular events, including...


- competitive sports through the Metro Athletic League
- Special Olympics
- KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now)
- community events such as...
 - Walk for the Homeless
 - canned food drives
 - cooking at So Others Might Eat



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A variety of therapeutic techniques are used, including:

- group therapy on bullies, targets and bystanders
- 12-step programs for substance abuse
- wraparound services for students in crisis
- after-school counseling and crisis intervention programs
- peer mediation



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DCASE programs include

- credentialed and licensed teachers and related service personnel

and other staff trained in...


- child development
- restaurant management
- construction trades
- music, art, and drama



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DCASE member programs currently provide consultative services to private and public schools, including...

- developing behavior plans
- training in differentiated instruction
- curriculum development
- use of adaptive equipment



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Members' partnerships are wide-reaching, for example, with major **universities** in the region...

- Howard University
- George Washington University
- American University
- George Mason University
- Catholic University



and with **hospitals** in the region...

- Sheppard Pratt
- Johns Hopkins
- Children's National Medical Center Pediatric Mobile Unit




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DCASE programs are part of a larger network of associations that are concerned with students, in DC and throughout the nation.

Member schools belong to one or more of the following:


- Child Welfare League
- Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington
- MANSEF
- VAISEF
- NAPSEC



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In addition to certification from the District of Columbia as special education schools, individual programs have been accredited by:


- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Committee on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
- Joint Committee on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)



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Member programs supplement tuition with funds from many sources...


- national and local foundations
- United Way contributions and Combined Federal Campaign contributions
- donations from local business, service clubs, and through foundations established by business
- special events such as annual dinners, auctions, fun runs, personalized bricks for walks and walls.
- thousands of family members and friends of students and alumni



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Staff at member schools belong to many professional organizations, including...


- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- American Music Therapy Association
- Council for Exceptional Children
- and many others



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Some programs provide services to other groups, such as...

- infants and toddlers
- parents of students with disabilities
- teenage mothers
- foster parents




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Some serve adults with disabilities who...

- live in group homes
- need vocational training or job support
- take night classes to improve literacy




It all adds up...
to one powerful alliance



DCASE
District of Columbia
Association for Special Education

A rising tide lifts all boats