

PEP's Therapeutic Schools provide special education and mental health services for young people with significant behavioral and emotional challenges and set a foundation for lasting change that instills hope, optimism and resiliency.



PEP's Approach



STRENGTHS BASED

At PEP we believe it's critical to build on a child's existing strengths so their positive qualities shine through and they can see their true potential.



WHOLE CHILD WHOLE FAMILY

PEP partners with parents, family members and other adults critical to a child's success to create consistency between school and home.



RELATIONSHIP CENTERED

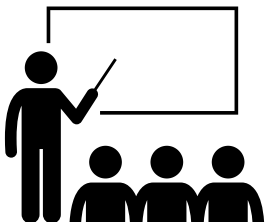
All staff at PEP are known as "teacher-counselors" because we know that any caring adult has the power to form a healing relationship that will be the difference-maker for a child.



TRAUMA- INFORMED

At PEP we leverage our trauma-informed expertise to help young people learn how to regulate their emotions, build meaningful relationships, and develop the skills to reason and problem solve.

A Supportive Environment



- High staff-to-student ratios – maximum 1:2 building-wide ratio
- Small classroom size, generally 10 students or fewer
- Classrooms led jointly by a teacher and mental health professional
- Buildings led by both a principal and clinical supervisor

Programming Highlights

- ✓ Academic instruction in line with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- ✓ Daily social-emotional learning using evidence-based curriculum
- ✓ Therapeutic art, music and outdoor education
- ✓ Community-based service learning
- ✓ Life skills
- ✓ Family Peer Support
- ✓ Psychiatric and case management services are available

Who We Serve



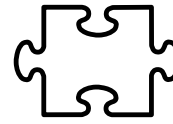
Children and youth
ages 5–22



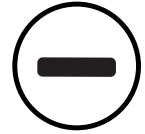
Young people
with severe mental
health challenges



Young people
who have difficulty
regulating their emotions



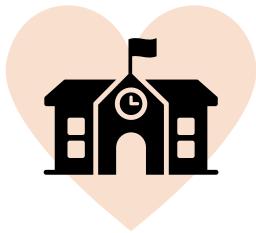
Children and youth
who have autism or
other developmental
disabilities



Young people
who have not been
successful in a traditional
school placement

Specialized Therapeutic Schools*

About PEP



PEP Phoenix

serves children with significant
cognitive delays in addition to mental
health challenges.

PEP Prentiss Autism Center

serves children with autism
spectrum disorder and other
complex developmental disabilities.

Since 1971, PEP has been supporting young people to overcome and thrive. In addition to its **Therapeutic Schools**, PEP's programs include **PEP Connections**, **PEP Early Childhood Plus** and **PEP Assist**. PEP is deeply immersed in trauma informed practices and is committed to understanding and overcoming the significant trauma and chronic stress experienced by many of the youth we serve. PEP is an NMT Phase II site through the Neurosequential Network.

*To better meet the intensive needs of the students in these settings, there are some differences in programming and classroom set-up and a lower building-wide student-to-staff ratios than PEP Chesnutt, PEP Hopewell and PEP Willow Creek.

“Every day of my life I’m thankful to PEP and all the support we received. My son is now gentle, respectful, kind and funny. He has good friends. His teachers adore him. Thank you for giving our son back to us.”

— Parent of a former PEP student

“In the past, we would find a program that could meet his academic needs or his mental health needs. Finally, we have a program that meets both. I have seen such wonderful, positive change in him.”

— Berea parent of a PEP student

PEP Therapeutic Schools

PEP CHESNUTT
9700 Lamont Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106

PEP HOPEWELL
11500 Franklin Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44102

PEP PHOENIX
6470 Pearl Road
Parma Heights, OH 44130

PEP PRENTISS AUTISM CENTER
21755 Brookpark Road
Fairview Park, OH 44126

PEP WILLOW CREEK
11600 North Durkee Road
Grafton, OH 44044

The decision to enroll a child in a **Therapeutic School** is made by the parent in partnership with the school district. The actual referral is made by the school district.