

PROGRAM STATEMENTS

The *mission* of Open Arms Day School is to be the recognized leader in private education for special education students.

The *vision* of Open Arms Day School is to assist displaced students to reach their fullest academic potential and ultimately return to community school settings. Our vision is through a *Total Exposure Program* curriculum that focuses on academics, behavior, socialization, cultural diversity and citizen participation.

Open Arms Day School adopts the following **value statement** and commits to demonstrating these values throughout the organization:

Open Arms Day School shall treat students with respect and courtesy, in a structured private learning environment that is safe and clean. Open Arms Day School respects diversity, fosters student-centered decision making, supports students in making positive behavioral changes, values education, promotes individual learning initiative, and affirms rights of students to be safe and protected.

ABOUT THE OWNER

Dawn Sykes, founder and CAO migrated to Virginia from New York where she attended Hampton University and earned her Master's degree in Human Services and later took up nursing as her profession. With endless ambition there was never any doubt regarding her dedication and passion for helping those in need. With so many needs and so little resources, Ms. Sykes decided that she would learn how she could create the greatest impact and started a Non-Profit Organization that has been in service for over 5 years. After further research was conducted and the need to help other girls she then opened her first residential home for girls. While working with these youth, it was clear that many of them suffered from emotional milestones within their family units. This opened the door to what would later become Open Arms Family Support Services, LLC. This Intensive In-Home Service provides a "wrap around" approach that not only provides support to our clients but their family as a unit. With a combination of therapeutic, recreational, educational, and behavioral management components Open Arms continues to be a positive impact. Open Arms Day School

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GROWTH



DEVELOPMENT



CHANGE





Open Arms Day School "A Leader In Private Education for Special Education Students"

Benefits of Attending

Open Arms Day School currently offers the following services to maximize each student's educational experience:

- IEP/SOL based academic instruction
- Total Exposure Program
- 1:1 Tutoring
- Pre-employment/volunteer training
- Behavioral Management
- Field trips (educational/cultural awareness focused)
- Group Counseling services
- Extended School Year Program
- 1:1 Teacher Services (at additional fee)



INSTRUCTION

- Males & Females Students
- Grades 6th-9th
- Hours of Operation: 8am-2pm
- Language Arts
- English
- Math
- Pre-Algebra and Algebra I
- Science, Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science
- US History
- Civics and Economics, World Geography
- Health & P.E
- Vocational Exploration
- Unconventional Approach to Education Exceptional Students

OUR STAFF



Certified Exceptional Education Instructors with endorsements in core subject areas and exceptional education.

Daily Group counseling assists students in developing an understanding of themselves, the rights and needs of others, how to resolve conflict and to define individual goals, reflecting their interests, abilities, and aptitudes. Counseling provided by QMHPs.

Vocational Program and Total Exposure Curriculum allow students to practice vocational skills in a hands-on environment to ensure interest in academics while acquiring useful skills for the "real world."

