

This year NCC celebrates its 63rd Anniversary. As we reflect on the current national and global state of affairs, we are reminded how fortunate we are - not only to be fully operational, but also to have staff, partners and supporters still fully committed to actualizing our vision. Indulge us as we reflect on our roots, celebrate our progress and enthusiastically chart our path forward.

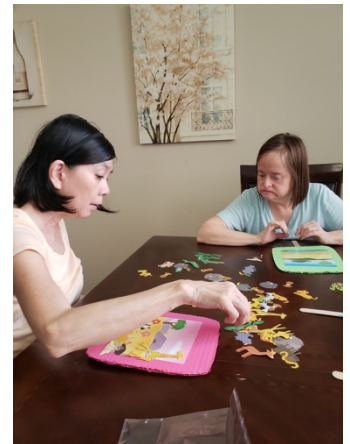


Our History

The National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) was founded in 1958 by Hyman S. Paper and a small group of local citizens. It was called the Jewish Foundation for Retarded Children. These visionary leaders recognized the need for an organization that would provide community-based services for children with special needs and their families.

In 1970, the organization changed its name to National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) to better reflect its expanding mission, vision and values. Today, with the guiding principles of inclusion, compassion and empowerment, NCC supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, grow and thrive in their community through our Early Learning And Early Intervention Center (ELC) and Adult Community Support Services.

NCC continues to broaden its reach as an organization by creating new and expanded programs, including Vocational Day Services, Residential Programs, Baby Bloomers Urban Farm & Fruit Orchard and other home and community-based services. Since inception, these personalized services have benefited thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing educational development and life skills that have led to empowerment, employment and independent living.



Our Progress and Growth



NCC celebrates 63 years of enhancing the lives of people of all ages, diverse backgrounds and differing abilities through inclusive opportunities. Each year, we serve hundreds of people throughout the DC metropolitan area, offering early childhood education and early intervention, school programs, community residences and supports, day services and supports to include individualized day supports, work readiness training, supported employment, and vocational training.

As a community partner we work to ensure each person, regardless of abilities, is embraced and valued as a contributing member of society. NCC employs people who are inspired by the challenge of meeting the daily needs of those with differing abilities and provides extensive training and support to all staff in order to ensure the highest quality outcomes for the individuals we serve.

We are proud of our first 63 years in service. As we look ahead to the next 60+ years, NCC will continue to leverage technology and innovation to deploy resources and support our community to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Our Vision for the Future

NCC partners with the people that we serve, their families and others in the community, to work toward a clear vision for the future. In pursuit of our vision that all people with developmental disabilities should have every resource necessary to live, learn, work, grow and thrive in their community and to ensure long-term organization sustainability, NCC's overarching strategic goals and strategies include:

1. Revenue Growth & Diversification
2. Technology Incorporation
3. Beneficiary Support & Attention

We continue to utilize our innovative strategies, core values and guiding principles to expand our outreach to the community we serve. With our core values in mind, we look forward to expanding services and resources that help children and adults lead fulfilling and productive lives. We embrace, encourage and help all people and support them to become stronger and more confident contributors to society - and we look forward to doing so then, now and always.

