SWWC Educational Learning Centers



The Educational Learning Centers (ELCs) at SWWC offer two different student programs.

SUN Program: Designed to meet the needs of special education students with severe disabilities with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, DCD: Severe to Profound, DCD: Mild to Moderate, and Severely Multiply Impaired (other diagnosis also accepted). Many of the students have minimal to no verbal skills. Behaviors and communication skills are main focuses of this program. Referrals are made by the school district.

Bridges Program: Designed to meet the needs of special education students who are having behavior issues in their resident school district. In addition to academics, programming includes social-emotional learning classroom instruction with licensed professionals provided based on the individual student's educational needs. Referrals are made by the school district and do not require a Rule 79 diagnostic assessment or children's mental health care management services through the county of residence.

All of the educational learning centers work directly with SWWC Behaviorial Health Services. Prior to a referral to an ELC, districts can purchase Behavioral Health Services to gain more support within the district for students with challenging behaviors. Contact Amber Bruns for additional information at amber.bruns@swwc.org.

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