# Service-Learning at Saint Joseph’s University

## Placement information

### Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania

**Early Intervention Center**

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<th>Address:</th>
<th>3905 Ford Road (Entrance back of the bldg) Philadelphia, PA 19131</th>
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<td>Phone:</td>
<td>215-879-5010</td>
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<td>Transportation:</td>
<td>Approx. 15 minutes by car. Parking is available in their lot and also on the street</td>
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**Service Days/Times:**
- Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-11:00am (4 slots available)
- Monday- Thursday 12:45-3:15pm (4 slots available)

### Description of Agency/Activities

The Philadelphia Division of the Early Intervention Center works with children between the ages of 3 to 5 years old. The children are challenged with a variety of disabilities including: brain damage, physical disabilities, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, learning disabilities, genetic disorders, autism, hearing, vision and speech disorders and developmental delays. The children served by this center must live in the community of West Philadelphia, and must demonstrate a 25% developmental delay. Many of the children have language delays and challenging behaviors. The programs servicing these children help provide them with needed therapeutic services, challenge their cognitive and motor skills, express their creativity and interact with their peers in a fun and comfortable.

### Student Role in Agency

Students wishing to volunteer at this site must be interested in working with children who present a variety of challenges: cognitively, behaviorally and expressively. They must be willing to become familiar with the symptoms and challenges that accompany these children with special need, as well as educating themselves about the methods used at the Center for dealing with them. Assist teachers in class with activities and interacting with the children. Students will try to build relationships with the children.

### Unique Features of Agency

The Center is located close to campus. It is in a new building and has a high demand for its services. They have a waiting list, particularly for therapeutic services such as speech and occupational therapy.

### Orientation and Requirements: All 4 Clearances and Tests

SJU and Easter Seals policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at [www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents](http://www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents) and at Placement Awareness Training.
A Tuberculosis test within the year is required to begin volunteering with this community partner. You may choose any participating health physician’s office or the SJU Student Health Center, located on the first floor of Sourin Hall and follow their directions. If you select the SJU Health Center, there will be a $10 fee to administer the injection. Any student who finds the $10 fee an economic hardship should contact Ella Guimond at x1334.

Student Orientation is required by CPO.