

**WHO WE ARE** The Joint Council is a group of county-based public, special services school districts that provide highly specialized placements and shared services to meet the unique needs of students with severe and multiple special needs.

## STATEWIDE SERVICES

New Jersey's 8 county special services districts offer cost-effective special education to **more than 3300 students** from ages 3-21, with 650 of those students between the ages of 18 and 21, to provide equitable access to comprehensive special education services.

**3300+**

More than  
**3300 students**  
educated

## DISTRICT COLLABORATION

- Shared expertise & specialized resources
- Access to highly specialized programs & professionals
- Reduced costs through regionalization
- Transportation efficiencies & shared services

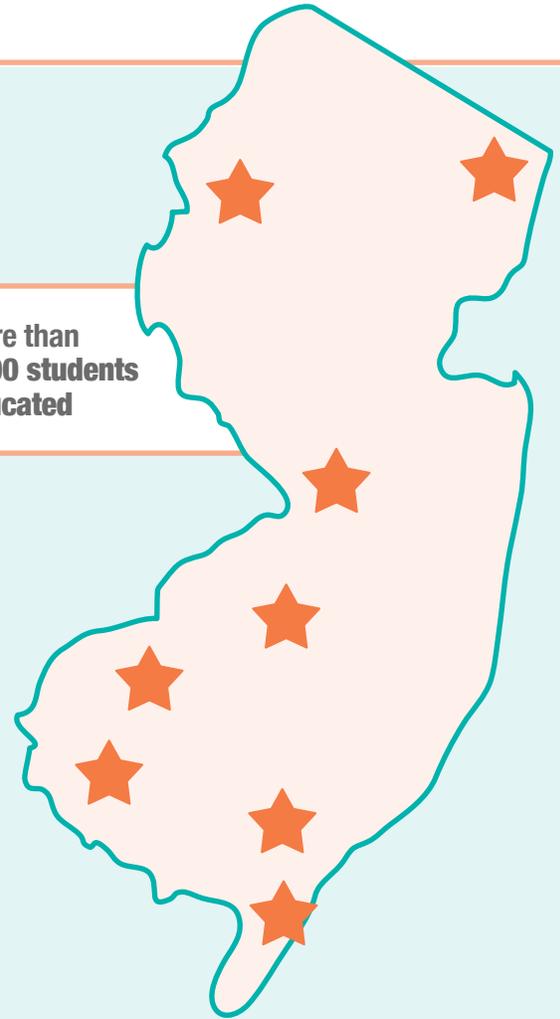
**196**

partnerships with local school districts to provide cost-effective, specialized services

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**500**

500+ sites offer community-based instruction opportunities



**WHAT WE DO** The Joint Council's mission is to promote the unique role of county special services school districts as providers of highly specialized placements for students with special needs and cost-effective shared services for local districts.

## INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMMING

### Designed to Serve Every Student's Needs

Assistive Technology Integration • Auditory Impairment Programming • Autism Spectrum Disorder Programming • Career & Life Skills Training • Cognitive & Developmental Learning Centers • Early Childhood & Preschool Disabilities Programs • Emotional & Behavioral Support Programs • Extended School Year • Multiple Disabilities Programs • Therapeutic Support Programs • Transition & Prevocational Services • Alternative High School

## SPECIALIZED STAFF

### Nearly 4000 Staff Members Statewide Committed to Students with Unique Needs

**Low staff-to-student ratios to ensure individualized attention** • Assistive Technology Specialists • Board-Certified Behavior Analysts • Certified Special Education Teachers • Occupational & Physical Therapists • Paraprofessionals trained in behavior, communication, & student safety • School Psychologists, Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultants, Social Workers • Speech-Language Pathologists • Nurses

## CUSTOMIZED SPACES & EQUIPMENT

### Promote Academic, Social, Physical, & Emotional Development

Sensory Rooms & Sensory Integration Equipment • Adaptive Physical Education Equipment • Accessible Classrooms & Prevocational Shop Areas • Assistive Technology Tools • Life Skills & Transition Labs • Therapy Rooms for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Services

## POST-SCHOOL PATHWAYS

### Guide students' transition from school to adulthood

100% Individualized Transition Services • Increased Independence • Connections to Healthcare, Housing, Financial, and Transportation Resources • Person-Centered Planning • Employment • Continued Support • Adult Programs (Post 21, Bergen County only)

