

BERGEN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES



**CAPE**  
RESOURCE CENTER

COLLABORATION

ACCESS

PLANNING

EDUCATION

*The mission of the Bergen County Special Services  
CAPE Resource Center is to serve individuals with disabilities  
from infancy through adulthood as a central point of contact for  
guidance and connection to accessible and appropriate resources.*

*The Center is committed to helping individuals and families  
access the system of resources to enrich all aspects of life.*

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**T**he BCSS CAPE Resource Center further expands the District's services by offering access to educational opportunities for families, individuals, and service providers serving the special needs population in the greater Bergen County area.

Over thirty years of experience has shown us that one of the greatest challenges facing families and individuals is learning to navigate the system of services for people with disabilities throughout their lifespan. As a result, we created a one-stop information and assistance center that is open to everyone who is involved in the special needs community. The center serves as a "clearinghouse" of knowledge of disability resources located throughout the region, and promotes awareness of and linkages to services, information, and resources. We offer informational, educational, professional development, and networking opportunities to professionals and parents to enhance service coordination, information sharing, and skills building. We also partner with other service providers to conduct workshops, trainings, educational seminars, and other meetings related to their respective client services directly at the CAPE.

#### **THE CAPE SERVES AS A:**

Resource for BCSS students and families;  
Resource for BCSS case managers and faculty;  
Resource for BCSS adults and their families;  
Resource for families and individuals throughout the greater Bergen County region;  
Resource for education and disability services professionals throughout the region.

#### **RESOURCE COORDINATION**

Families often experience feelings of isolation and emotional stress, as well as frustration over a lack of information and direction regarding their child's disability. We are available to answer questions, offer consultation and support regarding services and community resource options, and provide follow-up to ensure quality of service. As their children grow, families can utilize the CAPE's Resource Center at life's various transition points.

#### **EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

Ongoing workshops are offered to families and professionals. The CAPE Center affords Professional Development opportunities to special education and general education teachers, support staff, and administrators throughout the greater Bergen County region. Workshops conducted by the Bergen County Special Services Behavior Department provide BCBA credits, while other workshops offer opportunities to earn graduate credits through Concordia University.

*Previous workshops have covered topics that include:*

- Parenting Skills
- Executive Functioning and School Success
- Annual Camp/Recreation Expo
- Internet Safety/Cyberbullying
- Transition/Transition Planning
- Support Groups
- Guardianship/Estate Planning/Special Needs Trusts
- Behavioral Interventions/Social Skills Workshop
- Entitlements