

Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA) is a comprehensive child and family services agency. We work with those who need us most, including children who have been neglected or abused, immigrant families, and those building new lives. Most of our clients come to us because they struggle with poverty or family crises, and because they are working to create an independent future. JCCA helps more than 16,000 children and families every year and is consistently rated at the highest levels for the quality of our programs. In all our work, we are motivated by *tikkun olam*, the value within Jewish tradition that calls upon all of us to repair the world, and by our belief that every child deserves to grow up hopeful.



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# Bridges of Health

*Providing Home & Community  
Based Services for Youth in Foster  
Care with Special Needs*

**HEALTH CARE  
INTEGRATOR  
PROGRAM**



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# Bridges to Health

## What is Bridges to Health (B2H)?

B2H is a program for children who are in foster care and have special needs. The goal of the program is to “wrap” a child and family in services so the child can remain in the community.

## Unique features of B2H services:

- Can be provided **even after the child leaves care**, until he or she turns 21 years of age.
- Can be provided in **the foster family homes and the continued in birth/ adoptive homes**.
- Children in Regular and Therapeutic Foster Boarding Home (TFBH) programs are eligible.

## What will B2H provide?

You and your child will work closely with our staff to identify the individual services your child and family needs. Families get to choose the types of services and the providers of those services—which can be JCCA or another agency.

## SERVICES INCLUDE:

**Case Management:** An experienced and dedicated social worker, called a **Health Care Integrator (HCI)**, will work with you and your child to choose both the services and the service providers. Each JCCA HCI will work with no more than *six children at a time*, so you and your child will receive a lot of support and attention.

## Support for youth and caregivers:

- Counseling
- Skill building
- Community advocacy
- Day habilitation
- Planned and crisis respite
- Immediate crisis response
- Crisis avoidance and management
- Intensive in-home support

**Vocational:** Training and employment placements for youth

**Medical:** Devices/aids, assistive equipment and accessibility modifications for the home, and vehicles

## Why choose JCCA?

- JCCA has years of experience serving special needs children, particularly those who are Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED).
- At JCCA, children and families tell us **what they need**. You know your child best. We want to hear from you about your child’s needs and how we can help.
- **Our offices are easy to reach.** JCCA facilities are located throughout the five boroughs of New York City. Our foster care offices are located in the South Bronx and Central Brooklyn. Both are easily reached by train or bus.

South Bronx: 555 Bergen Ave (10455)

2 or 5 train to 149th and Third Ave

Central Brooklyn: 870 E 29th St. (11210)

2 or 5 train to Flatbush Ave

## Is B2H for your child?

If your child meets the conditions listed below, talk to your social worker about getting your child enrolled.

- Diagnosis of Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED), Developmentally Disabled (DD), or Medically Fragile (Med-F)
- Lives in a foster home or a setting of 12 beds or fewer
- Under age 19 (for children with SED) or under age 21 (for DD and Med-F children)
- At risk of being institutionalized

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