

CHILD CARE



YORK JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

When you look at Luke in comparison to those around the room, it's surprising to learn that he is not the youngest child in the room. He's small in stature and weight, and when he first came to the JCC he was mostly stationary.

Luke could most often be found observing the room and his classmates and they moved around him. This was true for the classroom, the playground and the gymnasium. As time progressed, his teachers spent more and more time observing him and they developed a concern. His head was always leaning to one side and his eyes seemed to twitch if he attempted to focus for too long.

All of the above aside, he was always happy, always smiling, and always accepting of affection. The teachers wanted more for Luke; for him to be a part of the classroom activities, not a bystander. His teachers had several conferences with his parents about their concerns. Productive communication between his teachers and his family revealed he was suffering from a pediatric ocular syndrome. This answered the teachers' concerns and they had more of an understanding of Luke and his tendencies in the classroom.

His teachers focused on getting Luke out of the audience and into the show. Little by little he began to walk to activities that interested him, and would eventually run to activities. The teachers watched Luke progress to a point where he would make his own choices to suit his needs and wants. He now runs to his choice of activity, enthusiastically sits down, and gets busy doing whatever it is that he chooses. This journey of discovery and independence has paralleled his vocabulary development.

What began with a very quiet and observant child evolved into an active child who clearly states his needs and desires. Not only does Luke communicate his wants, but he physically goes and gets it. His teachers are tremendously pleased to observe such growth, development and change in just nine short months. They can't wait to see Luke's progress in the upcoming nine months at the JCC!

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