



Admission Criteria

Admission to Ridge Crest is based primarily on the child's medical condition and need for a sub-acute level of care. Each case is reviewed individually, but the following are general guidelines for admission.

The child should:

- Be less than 12 years of age
- Be in need of 24-hour nursing care
- Be considered medically stable to the extent that he/she no longer needs 24-hour physician care
- Be free from communicable diseases
- Not be a danger to self or others

Our promise

Each child deserves a chance to live life to the fullest. We strive to offer each child the chance to develop loving relationships, engage in meaningful experiences and enjoy once-in-a-lifetime opportunities while in a safe, warm and medically progressive environment. Ridge Crest provides a place for children to transition from acute care back to their homes and communities.



Located in Sellersville, Pennsylvania

To attain information or to tour the Ridge Crest Pediatric Services facility, please call 215-257-1155 or email nfickert@lifepath.org. Thank you for your interest in Ridge Crest.

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LifePath, Inc. is a non-profit organization that serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Started in 1974 in the Perkasie area, LifePath now operates more than 97 group homes throughout seven eastern Pennsylvania counties. LifePath offers day and residential programs, vocational training, early intervention, outpatient mental health services, supported living and lifesharing, and in-home supports. LifePath strives to provide the highest quality of personalized care to each individual in a loving and stimulating environment. LifePath is an equal opportunity provider.

For more information on LifePath, please call 610-264-5724, or visit www.lifepath.org.



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Because every child deserves a childhood

More Than a Place

Home to children with severe to profound intellectual developmental disabilities, Ridge Crest is a sub-acute care facility located in Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

Many medically fragile and/or technology dependent children come to Ridge Crest from acute care hospitals when they no longer require 24-hour physician care, but still require 24-hour nursing supervision. Ridge Crest is an ICF/MR facility with a private wing for medically fragile children without the mental retardation diagnosis. Ridge Crest helps each child reach his/her fullest potential – physically, cognitively, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

By Creating a Unique Home-Life Environment

The highly trained staff addresses each child's medical needs while creating a normal, homelike environment. A child's stay, while centered on his/her medical treatment, also consists of a structured daily routine, complete with education, after-school activities, special programs and outings. This specialized attention is geared toward creating a childhood similar to that of other children.

Long-Term Residential Care

Ridge Crest works to reunite children with their families. But when that is not possible, Ridge Crest is a unique alternative to home. Created specifically for medically fragile children, Ridge Crest offers a warm caring environment in which its residents can learn, grow and achieve.

Reinforcing, *NOT* Replacing Family Relationships

Ridge Crest operates under an open-door policy, welcoming parents and family members 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Children participate in many activities that simulate home life. Through this, Ridge Crest supplements, not replaces, the special family relationship. Families are encouraged to participate in activities and in the development of their child, regardless of the length of the child's stay.

Respite Care

Respite services, which help families keep their children at home, are provided for children between the ages of six months and 21 years, and range in length from a few days to several weeks. These services are available only when a Ridge Crest bed is available.

Summer Camp

Each summer, Ridge Crest conducts a unique summer camp for children with developmental disabilities. Summer camp, which includes camping trips, daily activities, swimming, and arts and crafts, focuses on providing fun and educational experiences to the children. The summer camp operates on a 1:2 staffing ratio.

Our Exceptionally Experienced Staff

Each member of the Ridge Crest staff strives to help the children reach their fullest potential. Nurses experienced in caring for technology dependent children are on site at all times. In addition, there is a respiratory therapist, a social worker, a nurse practitioner, and a child life specialist on staff. Professionally trained nursing assistants have the ability to consult with a dietician, physical therapist, speech therapist, and occupational therapist when needed. Ridge Crest, whose medical director is a pediatric pulmonologist, is affiliated with the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Through duPont, a pulmonologist is available 24 hours a day.

