

MARIO

The Children's Center

Starting preschool should be a joyful milestone, but for Mario it began with meltdowns, leaving his family unsure how to help. At just four years old, he showed behaviors linked to Autism Spectrum Disorder, and his grandmother and mother felt overwhelmed. With the support of The Children's Center staff, they pursued an evaluation that confirmed his diagnosis. Over the school year, Mario received speech therapy, behavior therapy that taught skills through positive reinforcement, and daily one-on-one support. Gradually, he began to communicate more clearly, grow in independence, and manage his emotions. His mother calls the year truly transformative, grateful for a safe and caring place where staff went above and beyond every day. Mario's story shows how early childhood programs can help children grow and families find hope.

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