

# MEMBERSHIP MONDAY: May Institute

## Highlighting May Institute's Impact on the Community

**At Providers' Council, we are proud to highlight the incredible work of our members who are making a difference in the human services sector. This week, for Membership Monday, we are featuring May Institute, a vital organization dedicated to providing compassionate, evidence-based services for individuals who have developmental or intellectual disabilities or are living with brain injuries or neurobehavioral disorders.**

### Who is May Institute and What Do They Do?

Founded in 1955, May Institute is a nonprofit and a pioneer in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). For nearly 70 years, the organization has provided compassionate, evidence-based services for individuals who are autistic, have developmental or intellectual disabilities, or are living with brain injuries or neurobehavioral disorders. With its corporate headquarters in Randolph, MA, May Institute operates more than 140 service locations across the country including six specialized schools – five of which serve students with autism and one that serves individuals with brain injury and neurobehavioral disorders. Today, it stands as one of the largest providers of special education and services for individuals with special needs in Massachusetts and nationwide. May Institute's work is grounded in scientific research and best practices – and their longstanding commitment to clinical excellence, equity, and inclusion continues to shape their services and advocacy efforts today. Their work spans across:

- Early intervention services: targeted for children from birth to age 3, offering speech language therapy, physical and occupational therapy, service coordination, family support, and more.
- Autism and special needs schools: May Institute operates one of the nation's largest networks of private schools focused exclusively on the students with autism and other special needs, offering full-day, year-round education that builds communication, social vocational, and academic skills.
- Adults services: these include day habilitation programs with integrated clinical supports (nursing, OT/PT, speech), behavioral support, community involvement, and customizable residential programs.
- Global services: May offers consultation and training for professionals, families, and organizations around the world to improve service delivery and outcomes in the disability field.



### When Did May Institute Join The Providers' Council and Why?

May Institute is a long-time member of the Providers' Council. As one of the Commonwealth's largest nonprofit service providers, their values closely align with the Council's mission to support and uplift human services organizations across the state. Membership has helped May Institute connect with peers in the sector, access training and advocacy resources, and remain part of a unified voice advancing the needs of individuals and families receiving human services.

May Institute's longstanding commitment to excellence in the field has earned them recognition over the years. In 2011, they received the Council's Peer Provider Award, which honors agencies that have "gone the extra mile to serve their clients and are worthy of recognition by their peers." This award reflects May Institute's continued dedication to delivering high-quality, compassionate services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder, developmental disabilities, brain injury, and other behavioral health needs.



### A Voice from the May Institute Team

As the Providers Council celebrates 50 years of impact in the human services community, May Institute is marking its own 70th anniversary. With the rising prevalence of autism – now at one in every 36 children – the need for excellent services continues to grow. Our focus on quality services, training, and research allows us to bring exceptional resources to address today's challenges and respond to the complex needs of families who seek support, particularly families with profoundly autistic children.

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### Looking Ahead: May Institute's Continued Commitment to Support and Innovation

For nearly 70 years, May Institute has been a national leader in delivering compassionate, evidence-based services to individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, brain injury, and other behavioral health needs. Their commitment to clinical excellence, inclusion, and advocacy continues to make a lasting impact across the human services sector. We are proud to have May Institute as a valued Providers' Council member and look forward to supporting their mission for years to come.

As May Institute expands the resources available to the communities it serves, its 70th anniversary initiatives in Massachusetts include the opening of a new Adult Day Habilitation program in the spring and a new May Center School for Autism and Developmental Disabilities later this year.

Its National Autism Center at May Institute has greatly expanded the organization's reach, providing information to more than 1.2 million people about evidence-based treatment over the last decade. The Center will continue to shape the national dialogue about profound autism with its newest publication, *Profound Autism: A Parent's Guide*.

May's 70th Anniversary Gala — Celebrating Family will take place on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at Granite Links in Quincy, Mass.

**Want to learn more about May Institute, the guide and upcoming release and the Providers' Council? Visit our websites to explore our work, services, and upcoming initiatives!**

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