

FALL 2024

For young people with diverse abilities,

we're committed to Boldli making everyday exceptional, and bringing the exceptional into every day.

Boldli
Exceptional Youth Services



After a summer filled with lively day camp experiences and a new school year starting off active as ever, we also moved ourselves back into Detroit. We're thrilled to be back in our hometown, and energized by the opportunities ahead to make a difference. Join us!

Where do you notice the exceptional in your everyday?

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Detroit Institute for Children is now known as **Boldli - Exceptional Youth Services!**

A NEW OUTLOOK

This year, our 100 year-old organization took a **bold step.**

We changed our name to Boldli to reflect our growing impact and bold belief that homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities can evolve into places where diverse abilities are not just supported, they are anticipated and welcomed.



Heather Martinez
Boldli CEO

EXPERTISE

A **bold** new school year **begins**.

Did you know Boldli places more than 80 educators and therapists into more than 60 schools and Head Start programs each year?

Our team of highly-skilled professionals brings Boldli's signature expertise and caring approach to more than 3,500 students throughout Metro Detroit and across the state. We're there working alongside our young people as they learn and connect with others. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to meet some of our staff and partners as we go through the school year, and learn more about Boldli's impact in schools at boldli.com.

IMPACT

Family Programs **Flourish**



What better way to find the exceptional in every day than with family?

We know that learning and connecting happens everywhere, such as in a recent early childhood Play Group. One mom suddenly noticed that when our Boldli group leader mentioned red apples, 2½ year-old C.J. started putting stickers on his red blocks. Picking up the green blocks when they talked about broccoli and peas. And in that small but special moment they shared, his mom had our support and the focused space to be present as her son learned something new. Together they had a new skill-building game to play at home. Everyday, and yet exceptional.

GROWTH

Boldli Making **A Difference**



Eastyn S. and her mom, Brianne

"I would love to learn how to dance, but elephants can't dance."

Not words you'd expect to hear from a seven year-old, until you realize young Eastyn is reading you a story. Not long ago she struggled with reading, and her shyness added to some challenges with social skills. Boldli welcomed Eastyn into our Summer Camp program last year, and later she joined our After-School Tutoring in the fall. Supported by our experienced and welcoming staff, Eastyn found her way and now excels at reading.



Meet Eastyn and Brianne in our recent video at boldli.org/about and learn more about their journey, together.

BE BOLD

Take your own **bold step** today.

Join the conversation!

We invite you to visit boldli.org, sign up for our email list, and join us on social media. And be sure to share it with a friend - word of mouth is one of the most effective ways we reach families who are looking for our support.



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Make someone's day exceptional with a gift.

Every contribution keeps our work at no cost to families, and assures that our young people with diverse abilities have what they need to become who they are. Better yet, please consider setting up a monthly gift that works for you and helps make every day exceptional throughout the year.

Visit boldli.org/contribute.

"I did something bold this year: I joined the Board of Directors for the Detroit Institute for Children at an important time in its esteemed history, and this summer we became Boldli. **Through this process I learned that bold beliefs and bold actions produce extraordinary results.** My resolve to serve children has never been stronger and I have Boldli to thank for that. I'm excited to share our work and expand our reach with families, schools and our community."

—**Dr. Aaron Johnson**, Educator and Advocate

