

NEWS RELEASE

Special Dragons and Circle of Care Offer Free Therapeutic Karate Lessons to Passaic County Families

Passaic County, NJ — In a powerful partnership to support children with special needs, **Special Dragons Karate Program** and **Circle of Care CMO of Passaic County** are offering **free therapeutic karate lessons** to residents of Passaic County. Funded by a government grant, this six-month program provides a unique opportunity for children with autism and other disabilities to build strength, confidence, and coordination through the structured practice of martial arts.

Classes begin the first week of July and will take place every **Tuesday**. The program consists of **two class groups**:

- One for children ages **5 to 11**,
- Followed immediately by a class for children ages **12 to 21**.

In a spirit of inclusion, **parents are also welcome to participate** alongside their child, fostering stronger bonds and shared experiences.

Now in its **14th year**, the Special Dragons program has grown to five locations throughout New Jersey. Each class is led by **George Bostory**, founder of Special Dragons, an **accredited special needs teacher** and a **6th-degree black belt**. His program has become one of the most trusted and respected in adaptive martial arts for children with disabilities.

This is not a traditional karate program. Special Dragons is specifically designed to use basic martial arts techniques to address a range of developmental challenges, such as:

- **Eye-hand coordination**
- **Motor control**
- **Physical conditioning**
- **Sensory integration**
- **Focus and attention (time on task)**
- And age-appropriate **self-defense**

To help students feel like part of the team, all participating children will receive a **karate uniform and an official Special Dragons patch** at no cost.

Enrollment is limited to 20 students, and interested families are encouraged to apply early.

“We are so proud to bring this program to Passaic County,” says George Bostory. “For many families, it’s more than just a class—it’s a path toward growth, confidence, and connection. We’re here to support every child’s journey.”

Families can **register** or get more information by calling **973-667-8525** or emailing **Info@SpecialDragonsKarate.org**.

To support this program and others like it, **donations** can be made at www.SpecialDragonsKarate.org, where you’ll also find more information about their mission and growing community.

