

SARGENT CENTER

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The Sargent Center Dedicates its Regional Resource Center to Former President/CEO, Marilyn F. Serra

WARWICK, RI – April 10, 2024 – The Board of Directors of the Sargent Rehabilitation Center proudly announces the dedication of its Regional Resource Center (RRC) to Marilyn F. Serra, M.S., CCC/SLP in honor of her 50 plus years of service to the Center, serving as its President/CEO for 35 years.

With her background as a Speech Pathologist, Marilyn Serra established the Sargent Center's Pediatric Program in 1967. Throughout her tenure, she held various positions including Associate Director and Program Director, ultimately assuming the role of President/CEO in 1984, a position she held until her passing in 2019.

"It was Marilyn's vision to advance education and neuro-rehabilitation by constructing a facility for professionals to convene and exchange knowledge," said David A. Kane, J.D., Esq., current President/CEO of the Sargent Center. "Under Marilyn's exemplary leadership, that vision became a reality when the Regional Resource Center first opened its doors in 2012."

Today, the Regional Resource Center continues to serve professionals in Rhode Island and Southern New England. Supported by contributions from families, educational institutions, medical professionals, and rehabilitation experts, the Regional Resource Center's ongoing mission is to advance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities of all ages through consultation, training, advocacy, and influencing public policy.

ABOUT THE SARGENT CENTER

The Sargent Center operates as a non-public day school for students with disabilities with accompanying programs providing neuro-rehabilitation and a brain injury services. The Center also is home to the Sargent Center Regional Resource Center (RRC) that serves schools, families, individuals with disabilities, and the general public. The Sargent Center's school, rehabilitation and brain injury services include early childhood/preschool, elementary, middle, and high school, a brain injury program, the Pontus step down program, a community transitional work experience program, and school to adult services. In 2017, the Sargent Center celebrated 100 years of providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to disabled children, young adults, and their families. For more information, please visit <u>www.sargentcenter.org</u>.



Sargent Center's Regional Resource Center (RRC)



Marilyn F. Serra dedication plaque