

WELCOME to the Special Needs Forum

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SPECIAL NEEDS FORUM: Residential Choices

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Where is my adult child going to live?

2 Categories of Adult Children:

- Capable of independent living
- Requiring facility or long term care



Staying Home with Parents

- Most popular option today
- Who will be there when a crisis strikes?



Why is having an independent living plan for children with special needs critical?

What happens when Mom and Dad cannot be there? (Warning: graphic and disturbing videos)

Willowbrook State “School”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbiYJkiX-Dg>

Abuse of Autistic Boy by Caregivers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3jFE2ueCqs>



Why is having an independent living plan for children with disabilities critical?

- Myth: My daughter will take care of her sister and step into my shoes
 - Major commitment
 - Will sibling's family be able to adjust?
 - Raising Renee (look at who is in paintings)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJ78OxvAiLg>



Prepare for No Parents

- Encourage Independence
 - Vocational activities
 - Social activities
 - A life apart from mom and dad
- Why?
 - Dignity
 - One day parents will not be there



Let's Hear About Our Options

- 13 ^{JN2}Presenters
- 5 Minutes Each
- Timer will go off!
- Ability to browse booths after



Marbridge Foundation

Marbridge is a non-profit residential community that offers transitional and lifetime care to adults with a wide range of cognitive abilities—and through compassion and faith—provides them opportunities to **learn**, **experience**, and **achieve** a whole new life.

For 62 years Marbridge has been located right outside of Austin in Manchaca.



Marbridge Communities & Services

Ranch/Village (Assisted Living)

- Safe, homelike environment
 - Training classes M-F including academics, living skills, electives, social skills
 - Special Olympics
 - Vocational Program
 - Social & Recreational outings throughout Austin
- Approx \$3100/mo private pay

Villa (Nursing Home)

- High quality of care
 - Average age under 60
 - Daily activities
 - Brand new Enrichment Center & Sensory Room
- Approx \$5000/mo private pay or LT Medicaid

Summer Camp

- Small camp size
 - Fun activities
 - 8-9 different sessions mid June – mid August
- \$685 for 1 week overnight camp

Bridges (Short term Rehab)

- Intimate, homelike setting
 - Open to the surrounding community
 - PT, OT, Speech Therapy
- Medicare Part A & Private Insurance

4 Care Centers – One Marbridge



The Ranch



The Village



The Villa



The Bridges



Summer Camp

Cost to live at the Ranch or Village at Marbridge

\$3,100 per month
Medicaid Not Accepted



College *Living* Experience

Services include:

- Independent Living Skills
- Social Skills Development
- Academic Support and Tutoring
- Career Development

Approximate Cost: \$43,500



CLE Locations



College Living Experience Austin

11801 Stonehollow Drive
Suite 100
Austin, TX 78758

Live. Engage. Achieve.

800.486.5058 | ExperienceCLE.com

Cost: College Living Experience

\$3,625 per month

Medicaid Not Accepted



Adults Independent and Motivated
Making Independence Possible

Adults Independent and Motivated (AIM)

is a new community of adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who live in an apartment setting. Participants have active lives, engaging in vocational, social, educational, and recreational activities. Families are an integral part of AIM, remaining active in the life of their participant and in the AIM community.

▪ **Independence.** Participants—who function relatively independently but require some support-- live in an apartment complex at the Galleria in Bee Cave. They can independently walk to Whole Foods, the library, a movie theater, and dozens more stores and restaurants.



Contact: Ashley Sanchez
www.AIMtx.org

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Email: info@AIMtx.org

Website:

▪**Community.** Because their friends with disabilities are their neighbors, participants can spontaneously enjoy typical social activities— hanging out at the pool, playing games at one another’s apartments, getting lunch at Panera— without needing a third party to drive or coordinate.



▪**Appropriate support.** Families remain active in their participants’ lives, and AIM offers support, such as a 24/7 helpline, and fosters a sense of community through shared activities. Through fundraising, we plan to offer transportation to and from work.

▪**Cost:** Our program does not charge a fee. Participants incur the regular costs associated with apartment living. For participants who share an apartment, their half of the rent should start around \$500 for 1-bedroom units and \$750 for 2-bedroom units. Families choose whichever attendant care provider they prefer, using a variety of funding mechanisms (Medicaid waiver programs, private pay, etc.).

Cost: AIM

\$500-700 per month for housing



Disability Resources, Inc. (DRI)
is a non-profit residential and
day program in Abilene, Texas
which provides services to
adults, age 18 and above who,
are intellectually challenged.





- **Residential Program
(7 houses)**
- **Vocational Training**
- **Life Skills**
- **Recreational Opportunities**
- **Christian Environment**
- **Monthly Worship Services**
- **DRI Bell Peppers**



Cost: Disability Resources

\$1,900 to 2,200 per month for
residential assisted living
Medicaid Not Accepted



The Association For Independent Living (AFIL) is a unique and innovative, transitional residential program located in Dallas, Texas. AFIL was founded in 1979 upon the premise that all adults have the right to experience life on their own, to the fullest extent of their ability.





Mission Statement

"The mission of Association for Independent Living (AFIL) is to strengthen the independence of young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through life skills education, vocational guidance, community integration and spiritual growth in a supportive living environment."



Cost: Association for Independent
Living

\$1375 room and board per month
Medicaid Not Accepted



Where adults with special needs contribute
to the world

www.brookwoodingeorgetown.org

Erin Kiltz-Founder/Director

erink@brookwoodcommunity.org

Tours every Wednesday at 12:30

BiG Fact Sheet

- BiG is a four day a week vocational program where adults with special needs engage in five different enterprises: horticulture, pottery, jewelry, card making and baking
- BiG is a faith based program where we strive to honor God in all we do and where we believe every citizen has a gift to contribute to the world
- BiG is a nonprofit and takes no government money
- BiG is a tuition based program. Presently tuition is \$780 with scholarships available
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- BiG citizens earn a pay check every two weeks
- BiG citizens also engage in activities including physical fitness, music appreciation, hand chimes, creative expression and service projects giving back to the Georgetown community
- BiG is all about 'interdependence' where every individual is a valued part of the program... "I need you and you need me to do the work set before us"
- BiG products are sold at The BiG Shop in Georgetown located at 202 S Austin Ave. Open Tues-Sat from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- BiG is blessed to have over 50 active volunteers and has many opportunities for you to get involved

Cost: Brookwood in Georgetown

\$750 per month

Medicaid Not Accepted

The Adventurers Academy



- Of
- Lifelong
- Learning!



Our Programs

- Adventurers Academy
 - 9-4, M-F
 - based on your schedule
 - community and activity-based
- Vocational Experiences
 - Help build job skills and job readiness
- After Hours - Evenings and weekends
- Adventures - Extended travel lasting several days



Community Care, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Long-term residential services for adults with intellectual disabilities and/or related conditions
- ❖ Supervised living in a residential group home
- ❖ Independent living training
- ❖ Established in 1986
- ❖ 9 ICF homes in Burnet and Williamson counties



Community Care, Inc. ICF-IID Group Homes

We are committed to providing quality services while maintaining a loving, home environment.

SERVICES OFFERED

- **Active Treatment** ~ training in independent living skills
- **Vocational assistance and training**
- **Competitive employment**
- **Socialization and recreational activities with peers**
- **Group and individual counseling**
- **Medical, dental, dietary and psychological services**
- **Other services as needed**

We are happy to provide additional information and personalized home tours.

Please contact:
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THE CENTER FOR HIGHER INDEPENDENCE @Providence Place



- **RESIDENTIAL 18 MONTH TRANSITION PROGRAM
SERVING YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES 18+ IN
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**
- **TEACHING WORK AND INDEPENDENT LIVING
SKILLS**
- **DORM AND APARTMENT LIVING**
- **SPECIALTIES IN CULINARY ARTS,
HORTICULTURE/ANIMAL CARE, HOUSEKEEPING
AND OFFICE SKILLS**
- **24/7 SUPERVISION**
- **DARS AND PRIVATE PAY OPTIONS**

Contact information



A tour and interview are required for all students:

Director of Admissions: Terri Gutierrez, MSW

(210) 696-2410 ext. 132

terri@provplace.org

Cost: Center for Higher Independence

\$3600 per month for room, board
and all programs plus \$250 per
month for personal needs

Total \$3850 per month
Medicaid Not Accepted

Mimi's Day Hab

Motivating Individuals to Maximum Independence

Central Location

8204 N Lamar Blvd

512.506.9340

North Location

2013 Wells Branch Pkwy

512.252.7888

Daily Schedule

9:30-10:00- Exercise

10:00-10:30- Math

10:30-11:00- Language Arts

11:00-11:30- Sign Language

11:30-12:00- Life Skills

12:00-1:00- Lunch

1:00-1:30- Nature Walk

1:30-2:00- Art

2:00-3:00- Cognitive Skills (Puzzles, Games & Tablet)



Motivating Individuals to Maximum Independence

Cost: Mimi's Day Hab

Paid via HCS and other Medicaid
Waiver programs

18350 FM 150
Driftwood, TX 78619
512/962-6442

Paul Teas
Executive Director

Cyndy Teas RN
Director of Relationships

Established in 2014

Serving special needs
people and their families
through programs,
education, and residence.



- *An intentional community for ALL of God's children.*

The Gang Having fun!

At Masterpiece Village adults with disability have fun and learn to be more independent. These special people have mentors that are college age and have experience and education working with special populations. The young staff make sure that the residents are treated with dignity, honor and respect. Teaching them through example. Taking them on community integration outings and talking to them about life experiences. Learning to make decisions, to have choices, to control anger and many other life lessons are taught and modeled. Masterpiece Village is the beginning of a wonderful new neighborhood, that anyone would want to experience! Creating a safe haven for the socially vulnerable people that we serve.



Cost: Masterpiece Village

\$1200-\$3500 per month
includes room, board, instruction,
total care of person, belongings,
transportation, socialization

Medicaid Not Accepted



Tina Shands
Owner & Travel Agent

- Travel takes time and planning when someone has a special need.
- Tina understands the difficulties faced by travelers with special needs. She has an adult child with Asperger's Syndrome and other family members with special needs.
- Tina is a Certified Accessible Travel Associate with access to medical equipment delivered to various ports of call
- Cruises and Tours (for families or groups) are the focus of Specially Designed Travel.



Myths of a Travel Agent

- Travel Agents don't exist anymore
 - Travel Agents do still exist although most work from home and not “brick and mortar” stores. This reduction in overhead saves the client money and is more convenient for clients
- Travel Agents are expensive
 - Not true. Most often suppliers pay Travel Agents a commission and so the service doesn't cost the client. This commission is not extra and usually the price you see online is the same you will get using a Travel Agent.
- Everyone just books their travel online so Travel Agents aren't needed
 - While travel you can book a trip online, it is often the cause of all of the travel nightmares you hear about. Once you make the booking and pay for the hotel, airfare, etc. there will be no one there to advise you on other aspects of the trip or to help you when something does go wrong.

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**Project SEARCH at
Seton Healthcare Family**
is an innovative best practice for
preparing and training young adults
with intellectual disabilities for the
competitive workforce.



Through a yearlong internship,
Project SEARCH offers each
participant the opportunity to
develop their vocational skills in a
business setting, while building a
solid foundation of professional
experience.

the outcome



Of the **82** interns who graduated from Project SEARCH at Seton Healthcare Family (2007 to 2014):

39 found competitive employment at Seton Healthcare Family

30 graduates found similar employment in the community

Collectively, this translates to a competitive hire rate of 84%

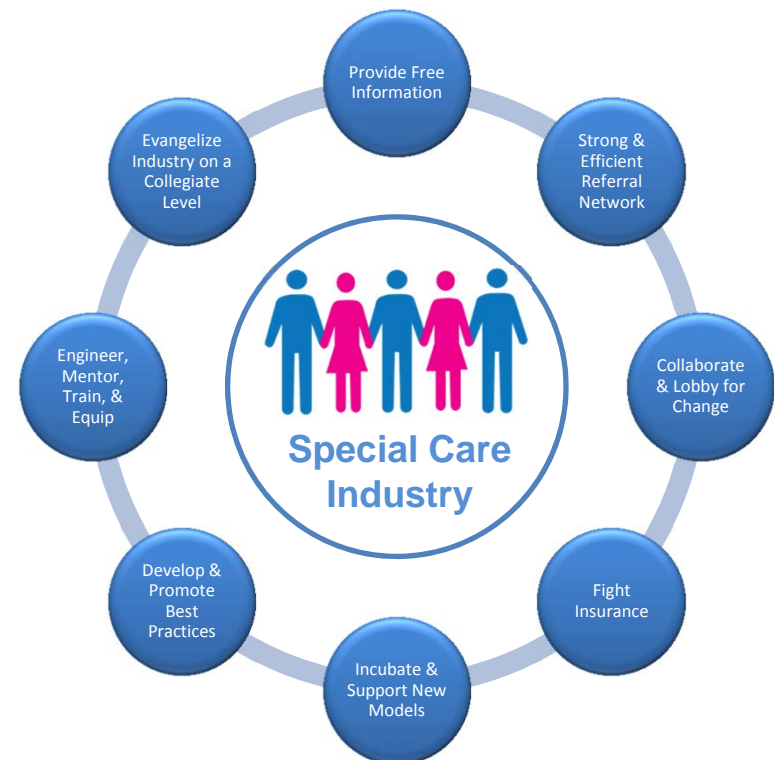
Project SEARCH at Seton Healthcare Family is a groundbreaking collaboration among business, education, rehabilitation, and disability service providers with one goal: **competitive employment.**

Special Care Industry Paradigm

Today's Current Model In the United States of America



Connections Model After the Special Care Industry



Let the CONNECTIONS APP help you find RESOURCES!

1 Create a profile

See results relevant
to your child's age,
diagnosis, zip code
and insurance

2 Search for resources

Find medical, therapy,
recreation, education,
nutrition and family
resources

3 Save and share lists

Bookmark providers
and share your lists
with other
caregivers

Download for free or use the app online at
www.carestarter.co/connectionsapp

Coming 2015-16 School Year Special Needs Forum

September 17: Caroline Nelson

EANES ISD Special Education Department
Transition Specialist

Creating the Launch You Want

Using school-based Transition planning to keep doors open
while covering your bases for “just in case”

