

WORKING PARTNERS FACILITY BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Located in Brookline and Wexford, these programs are for adults who want to acquire job readiness skills. They will then have the opportunity to complete contract work we have procured through our association with local businesses.

For more information call the manager of MR Support Services at 412.344.6412.



THE ENCLAVE

Enclaves are an intermediate work setting, slightly more demanding than the workshop environment but less demanding than the competitive job market. This program offers participants the opportunity to work for local businesses in a relaxed atmosphere and receive a paycheck. Enclaves operate two to three days per week. Individuals may spend their time in a workshop environment when the enclave is closed or seek out other community activities to fill their day.

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OUR MISSION

Mercy Mental Retardation Services provides treatment, rehabilitation and support services for people so that together we all live and learn, work and play with a wholesome quality of life in a healthy community. Human dignity is a core value requiring us to offer and to receive healing as persons whose lives include physical, emotional, social and spiritual dimensions.

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MERCY MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES PROVIDES A FULL CONTINUUM OF DAY SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL RETARDATION INCLUDING:

- ADULT TRAINING FACILITIES
- FACILITY-BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH AN INDEPENDENT SUPPORTS COORDINATION UNIT, AND FUNDING MUST BE AVAILABLE TO MEET SUPPORT NEEDS.



COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Community Employment is a specialized placement service that matches individual skills with the needs of area employers. The goal is to improve the lives of people with mental retardation by preparing them to live more independently. Job opportunities are thoroughly researched. Geographic location, available transportation, and job duties are taken into consideration. We also factor in the interests and skills of the individual because we care about what the individual wants to achieve through his/her work experience. Then, and only then, is a training program developed for the individual.

Once a match is found, Working Partners provides support and job training, beginning with the first day of employment and continuing until job responsibilities are mastered. This support continues until the individual becomes independent in the work environment.

SUPPORT SERVICES, SCHOOL TO WORK

The school to work service aids in the transition from school to work. Certified examiners, experienced in testing and working with disabled individuals, administer the McCarran-Dial Battery, a series of tests designed to evaluate skills. Through testing, we can determine the best placement for an individual and the most suitable job match. The McCarran-Dial Battery is administered on-site in a school setting. Those giving the tests also act as coaches. They assist individuals with the process of matching their opportunities in the workplace.

For more information, call the Community Employment supervisor at 412.344.1189.

ADULT TRAINING FACILITIES

Our four Adult Training Facilities (ATF) are located throughout Allegheny County in Baldwin, Beechview, Ross and Shadyside. Each site offers a wide range of vocational, functional, and socialization programs for adults with mental retardation. Individuals learn to enhance their skills in group settings as well as through one-on-one instruction.

Participants in our structured ATF programs have the opportunity to work on site and/or volunteer within the community. Those attending the program can come as many as five days per week and up to six hours per day.

At our Baldwin and Ross Centers, we offer a Senior Citizen's program for people ages 60+ with mental retardation. The senior program is conducted at a



slower pace and individuals work on less demanding tasks. A wide range of activity choices are available, and participants may attend the program for up to 30 hours per week.

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