



COMMUNITY HABILITATION AND PRE-WORK SERVICES

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

CHAPS provides services to individuals in a community setting. These services enable adults with disabilities to maintain and acquire work and community living skills. Activities address task completion, time management, dependability, appropriate interpersonal interactions, safety and problem solving related to living in the community or in a work setting.

This service also assists individuals in acquiring various skills that will enable them to engage in piece-work through contracts with outside companies, as well as prepare them for competitive employment should they choose.

Clients who choose to engage in creative arts may participate in the theatre component of CHAPS. This path allows individuals to develop their public speaking skills, self-esteem and self-confidence through participating in entertainment for the public.

CHAPS also offers licensed Adult Day Care Services for individuals over age 59 ½ who wish to continue peer-group socialization opportunities.

HOURS OF OPERATION

CHAPS is open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The day program is closed on major holidays.



FEE SCHEDULE

All referrals for this service are received through the client's home county MH/MR provider. If you or your family member is interested in receiving this service, please contact your County Supports Coordinator. Currently there are no additional fees or co-pays that are the responsibility of the individual.

BENEFITS

The individual will have the opportunity to acquire skills which will enable the person to have full or part-time employment in the community. Once the client has acquired the skills necessary to complete the job of their choice he/she can receive a referral to Community Employment Services to actively look for and work at a job.

SUCCESS RATE

The clients attending CHAPS expressed an 89% satisfaction rate.



CHOICE It is important to everyone.

That's why we listen very carefully to the individual's employment objectives. Currently we have customized training programs which involve:

- Baking
- Meal planning & cooking
- Vending machine sales
- Seasonal product development and sales
- Assembly work
- Knitting
- Horticulture
- Personal care
- And much, much more!

We would be pleased to talk to you and your family member to discuss how CHAPS can enrich your life!

MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about this service can be obtained by contacting Nancy J. Tusinac, M.Ed. Program Director at 724-346-2123 ext. 5529.

WHY CHOOSE dFs?

- ▶ We **have been providing services** to people with intellectual disabilities for **25 years**.
- ▶ **Family is our middle name.** We welcome everyone as a member of our family.
- ▶ Clients and their families are well-satisfied with our services with a **5-year satisfaction average of 89%**.
- ▶ We provide services **close to home** in Mercer, Crawford, Venango, and Lawrence Counties.



Services are provided and admissions and referrals made without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, handicap or and age.
dFs is an EEO employer.

Celebrating Our 25 Years of Service

FAST FACTS ABOUT dFs

- We have been serving Mercer County for 25 years.
- We have a volunteer governing Board of Directors which is made-up of community members, clients & family members.
- We have helped over 250 children through our specialized foster program, 17 of whom have been adopted.
- We serve over 175 families each year through our services to people with intellectual disabilities & children & youth.
- We provide a variety of residential services in 10 group homes and a supervised apartment building.
- We provide pre-vocational services to people with intellectual disabilities at our adult training facility and also provide supported employment.
- We employ 145 people and put almost 2.6 million dollars back into our community through employee wages.
- Approximately 96% of the people we serve are in the low income bracket.
- Approximately 13% of the people we serve represent a minority group.
- Our clients gave us high marks for satisfaction with our services, with a 5 year average of 90%.
- Our annual budget is approximately \$5 million
- We are a regional provider, serving clients from several counties including: Crawford, Lawrence, Beaver, and Venango Counties.
- Donations to us are Tax Deductible – we are a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization.
- Office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday



CHAPS

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A WORK TRAINING CENTER FOR
INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUEST
ASSISTANCE PREPARING FOR
COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT



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