

Name of Agency: Horizons Centre

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Programs Provided: Residential Services
Employment Services
Community Supports and Services
Behavioral Services

Service Description:

- The Horizons Centre Program Coordination Team works closely with the individuals and families to define the course of action that best meets both long and short term needs
- The Program Coordination Team then assists in identifying, accessing and monitoring those services
- Horizons Centre coordinates services and programs to assist developmentally disabled individuals and significant others in making informed choices and establishing direction
- Horizons Centre seeks to involve and integrate normal community environments into a network of support that encourages individual growth and independence
- Horizons puts safety first to provide a safe environment for the consumers and staff
- They give courteous, personalized and timely service to the consumers and co-workers
- They strive for the most responsive systems and procedures in order to deliver quality and cost-effective services to the consumer
- They act in a manner that is consistent with the highest principles of service delivery and competency
- Horizons Centre is dedicated to creating opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, to enhancing their talents and abilities, and to provide the necessary supports to their families
- Horizons Centre works closely with resources within communities to ensure that each individual receives services that best meet his/her unique needs

Residential Services

- Horizons Centre provides a range of residential options that offers each individual the greatest opportunity to function independently and participate in community living
- Services take into account all stages of life and are designed to be family and/or individually focused
- The residential staff of Horizons Centre know how important it is to create a meaningful home life

Community Residences:

- Provides the greatest level of assistance, support and supervision
- Generally comprised of no more than 3 individuals, providing 24-hour supervision and assistance in all aspects of daily living
- Supports are typically focused on developing rhythms and routines that are conducive to personal growth and empowerment
- Residential services provide opportunities for participants to pursue valued social roles, both within the home and the community

Living In A Family Environment:

- Many adults who were placed in institutions at an early age may have never experienced the warmth and love of a family environment. Others have lost their families due to health or ill health, or have families that are no longer able to care for them. Through Horizons Center's enhanced home care program, an individual has the opportunity to become an essential member of a family
- In these supportive, nurturing homes, individuals develop a sense of family, work towards greater levels of personal independence and self-esteem

Employment Services

- Employment Services of Horizons Centre, are designed to promote career success for the individuals within the program
- The staff work closely with the individuals, subcontractors and employers to develop job skills and identify work opportunities within the community
- Horizons Centre can provide "job coaching" supports for individuals requiring on the job training
- Support is available to each employee and his/her employer if problems surface or as new opportunities arise
- Supported employment programs provide individuals with opportunity to explore career choices and work towards greater levels of independence
- Horizons Centre provides support and guidance to individuals working in a wide variety of local area business

Community Supports and Services

- Horizons Centre strives to offer a holistic mix of supports, opportunities and learning experiences in community settings
- Community programs focus on alternatives to employment
- Volunteerism, developing relationships in one's community and exploring personal aspirations are often included in the daily activities
- Community focused programs provide opportunities that promote citizenship, leadership and fellowship

Behavioral Services

- Horizons Centre advocates positive alternatives to changing behavior
- By developing an understanding of the person, utilizing creativity in the environment and ensuring a shared value system of mutual dignity, the staff at Horizons Centre utilize positive practice in dealing with ineffective behavior
- Treatment plans, when required, are developed with the consent and input of the person requiring support, the family, the multi disciplinary committee of the agency, and a specialist from PDD Behavioral Services