

AUTISM ADOLESCENT CENTER OPENING FALL 2008

What are your dreams, your goals, your long term hopes for your child?

Does your child need a place to call their own?

Somewhere they can learn to interact appropriately with peers while maintaining their own sense of self and motivations?

Where they can nurture friendships that may carry them into adulthood?

Is your family eager to find recreational activities that support your child's strengths while increasing their community participation?

Stepping Forward aims to be just that.

A place they can feel comfortable and confident in; in which their own needs are addressed at the same time they are challenged to grow independently in skills and relationships.

A place to enjoy and participate in recreational activities like sports, games and hobbies.

A place to prepare for the future in daily living, peer relationships and vocational skills.

A place the family feels is secure, loving and safe.

This place must be something extraordinary. Something that allows parent participation and direction as we plan for our children's future. A center in a serene, welcoming location that provides lots of green space and outdoor activity.

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For more information and to enroll for fall, please stop by or call us at 614-436-STEP (7837).

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- The center will serve ages 10-18
- The center will operate Monday thru Friday from 9am to 3pm for the academic school year
- Summer Camps will be available during the months of June, July and August
- Students will engage in activities that will increase their daily living skills ability such as
 - personal care,
 - grocery shopping,
 - cooking,
 - cleaning, and
 - planning for personal wants and needs
- A strong focus upon communication and appropriate behaviors will be the backdrop for all center programs
- Educational goals and objectives from the client's IEP are implemented daily as part of the program
- Students are provided with specific instruction to promote development of employable vocational skills including domestics, crafts, custodial, landscaping, assembly and office-related activities
- Social settings will be a part of the daily schedule to promote the practice of appropriate social interactions as well as the development of hobbies and other downtime enjoyments such as music, games and sports
- Community outings, application of mastered skills and exploration of new experiences are an integral component of the program

