



**SUPPORTING
INDIVIDUALS
TO REACH
THEIR
POTENTIAL!**

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**Adult
Day
Service
Program
at**

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OUR PROGRAM:

Our goal is to teach social, academic, and life skills to adults with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities using principles of Applied Behavior Analysis. A group setting is used to encourage appropriate social interaction while personal goals and objectives are taught by our highly motivated and trained staff members. The program is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Innovations in Learning is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with Autism and Intellectual Disabilities using Applied Behavioral Analysis. We strive to provide a positive learning environment that results in a mutually rewarding experience for consumers and their families, our employees and the community.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF THIS PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE?

An individual may be appropriate for the Adult Day Service Program if s/he is 18 years or older; has communication difficulties, lacks appropriate social skills, is interested in increasing independence in daily living skills such as cooking, laundry, and household chores, needs to work on academic skills such as reading, writing, and math, needs to develop coping skills, and wants to learn how to become more successful at work, at home, and in the community.



WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED

Innovations Adult Day Service Program is happy to provide the following skill development opportunities:

- ~ Academic Skills
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Math/Money Management
- ~ Independent Living Skills
 - Daily Living Skills
 - Career Development
- ~ Communication Skills
- ~ Social Skills
 - Coping Skills
 - Social Interaction/Relationships
- ~ Recreation and Leisure Skills
 - Art
 - Music
 - Leisure
 - Movement
- ~ Personal Care
 - Hygiene
 - Health
 - Personal Safety
- ~ Community Outings



WILL THERE BE PAID WORK?

Innovations Adult Day Service Program will not provide Pre-Vocational or production-based work. Services provided include: Facility Based Habilitation and Community Based Habilitation.

WHO ARE THE STAFF?

- ~ Doctoral Level Clinical Director
- ~ Masters Level Director, Licensed/BCBA
- ~ Bachelor Level Supervisor/QIDP
- ~ Highly Trained Adult Development Instructors
- ~ Licensed Practical Nurse
- ~ College Level Student Interns

HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

Innovations Adult Day Service Program accepts individuals on the Medicaid Waiver, including the Family Support Waiver and Community Integration Habilitation Waiver. Please contact us to inquire about additional funding options, including Private Pay.

WHAT ARE THE RATIOS?

Ratios will be based on consumer need and will correspond with their ISP and NOA information, as applicable. Ratios will range from 1:1 to 8:1.

HOW DO WE TRACK PROGRESS?

Data is collected on an individual basis. Specific goals will correspond with the consumer's Individualized Support Plan goals. If applicable, behavior data will also be collected.



WHO DO YOU CONTACT?

Please contact Jennifer Ferrara, Director of Day Services, at 219-791-1400 for more information. You may also visit us online at www.innovationsinlearning.net or on Facebook.

