

who we are

National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) was founded in 1957 by Hyman S. Paper and a group of his friends who were concerned about the lack of community-based services for children with mental retardation and their families. Over the years, NCC began serving children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Our first residential program, a campus facility for children, was opened in 1961. We have been providing community-based group homes since 1978 and apartments since 2002.

Today at NCC, more than 600 infants, children, and adults with developmental disabilities each day receive the services they require to grow, live, and thrive in our community.

Consistent with our founder's vision, **our mission is to provide a lifetime of opportunities for people in our community with developmental disabilities to live full, meaningful and productive lives.**

NCC includes the human services agency and The Value Village Project, a local chain of thrift stores that provides critical funding for our programs.

who we serve

NCC serves children and adults with mental retardation, autism, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, hearing impairments, blindness and other visual impairments, emotional disturbance, cerebral palsy, and brain injuries.

NCC's Independent Living Program serves men and women, 21 years and older, with developmental disabilities. We also accept families with or expecting children, as long as an adult meets our program criteria. Many of the people in this program were previously homeless, and most have mild to profound mental retardation.

Some people are born with developmental disabilities while others develop them as a result of illness, accident, abuse or neglect. Sometimes, the cause is never known.

At NCC, our services are tailored to the specific needs of each person. Many of the people we serve will require services throughout their lives and our services are designed to meet their every need, each step of the way.

Independent Living Program



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a lifetime of opportunities for people
with developmental disabilities

independent living program

Our Independent Living Program provides apartments and related services so men and women with developmental disabilities can live more independently. All services are person-centered and promote full community participation and integration.

At NCC, people with developmental disabilities have the independent living opportunities they require to live full, meaningful and productive lives. NCC offers a full range of Medicaid Waiver services, and our trained and qualified direct care professionals work closely with the people we serve to ensure they achieve personal goals.

We support people in all aspects of independent living—housekeeping, clothing care, meal planning and preparation, shopping, personal care, money management and banking, functional academics, medication administration, transportation and social skills.

The men and women participate in all aspects of community life—meaningful employment, volunteer experiences, religious services, social and cultural events and recreational opportunities.

our apartments

We offer a variety of residential options, ranging from 1-bedroom apartments with drop-in supports to 24-hour supervised apartments for up to 3 people.

All people deserve safe, attractive, comfortable homes. NCC Apartments are located in two local apartment complexes in Northwest Washington, DC. Our Independent Living Program fosters a sense of pride and belonging among the people we serve. Our apartments are fully furnished with elegant furniture and accented with personal touches.

We customize the levels and types of services to optimize each individual's abilities, preferences and needs. As they build independent living skills, they assume more responsibility for their day-to-day activities and apartments.

Men and women become part of their communities and utilize the vast resources available in the District of Columbia. Both apartment complexes are conveniently located near public transportation, employment opportunities, recreation centers, libraries and other public facilities, and shops and stores to meet all personal needs.

our services

Men and women in our Independent Living Program benefit from the following:

- Assistance accessing approval for Medicaid Waiver services
- Attendant care
- Crisis prevention and intervention
- Meal planning and preparation
- Independent living and social skills training
- Family and parenting skills training
- Transportation
- Chore assistance
- Speech and language services
- Occupational therapy
- Medical, nursing and nutrition services
- Phlebotomy services and medication management
- Mental health and psychiatric services
- Coordination of other community services

