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who we serve

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National Children's Center, Inc. (NCC) was founded in 1957 by families concerned about the lack of community-based services for children with developmental disabilities. Soon, we also opened programs for adults, providing services across their entire lifespan.

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. All NCC residences are fully licensed. NCC residential services for children, youth and adults are located throughout Washington, DC and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland.

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 founders' 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.

NCC's Residential Program provides a full spectrum of community living and related services to approximately 150 children, youth and adults, ages 10 to 70+ years, who have developmental disabilities. Many have complex and/or multiple disabilities, including mental illness. Most of the children we serve are in the foster care system.

"Developmental disabilities" include mental retardation, autism, Down syndrome, hearing and visual impairments, emotional disturbance, cerebral palsy and brain injuries.

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 and levels of supports are tailored to the specific needs of each person. Some people require intensive, 24-hour care and others can live more independently with proper supports. 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.

residential opportunities for people with developmental disabilities



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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC



for adults

Men and women with developmental disabilities live in NCC community-based houses and apartments where they receive all the services and supports they require to live independently in the community. All services are person-centered and promote full community inclusion.

We provide safe, attractive and comfortable homes. NCC houses and apartments are nicely furnished and accented with personal touches. Our homes are accessible, with adaptive technologies for people with hearing impairments and structural modifications for those with physical disabilities.

The level of care provided in each NCC home varies based on individual needs. Our apartments, for example, range from single apartments with drop-in supports to 24-hour supervised apartments for 3 people.

NCC direct care professionals are matched with residents based on experience and needed skills. Employees who work in houses where residents have hearing impairments, for example, use a total communication approach, including sign language.

NCC doctors and nurses provide primary health care and coordinate specialized health services. NCC staff members

accompany residents to medical and other appointments to serve as liaisons and advocates to ensure information is successfully communicated and individual rights are protected.

Men and women work toward personal goals. At home, they engage in domestic, self-help and recreational activities. Depending on the needs of each person, we assist with activities of daily living, planning individual and group vacations, money management, functional academics, meal planning, household chores, transportation and more. To the fullest extent possible, residents take care of themselves and their living environments.

Many of our residents participate in day programs, and others work or volunteer in the community. Because learning never ends, we encourage all of our residents to expand their skills and experiences. They are active members of their communities and enjoy the social, religious, cultural and recreational activities of their choosing.

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for children and youth

We believe that every child, regardless of disability, deserves a safe and nurturing home. NCC's residential campus and community-based homes offer structured, caring and supportive living options for children and youth with developmental disabilities. Young people often enter into our campus program and, as they mature, transition to one of our community-based houses.

NCC direct care professionals provide 24-hour care and supervision. We provide safe, attractive and comfortable homes in Washington, DC and Maryland that are nicely furnished and accented with personal touches. Children benefit from the home environment and the sibling-like relationships they form with one another. School-aged children attend school during the day, and young adults are supported in their transition to work or therapeutic day programs.

Because many of these young people also attend school at NCC, staff members across programs collaborate and set measurable goals for skills in academics, self-care, home living, communication, socialization, recreation and

leisure. Each young person participates in individual and group therapies to work through problems as they arise.

Medical care is provided on-site. NCC doctors and nurses provide primary health care and coordinate specialized health services. We provide transportation to and from medical and other appointments in the community.

Children and youth participate in all aspects of community life, including religious services, social and cultural events, neighborhood activities and outings to local museums, parks, malls and sporting events. In addition to being fun, these activities build life skills, prepare these young people to be more independent in the next phase of their lives and promote involvement and inclusion in our community.

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