



Currently, we provide services to 180 individuals with disabilities including 42 that are adolescents. Many of the Center's individuals have multiple physical and developmental disabilities in varying degrees.

Of the "Villagers" that we serve; 30 need close supervision with physical and verbal prompts, 14 need feeding assistance, 27 need some level of assistance in the bathroom; nine clients are in wheelchairs; 18 clients need wheelchairs on outings; 10 clients need one-on-one for behavioral issues; three clients are deaf; five clients are blind or legally blind; 49 clients have autism or autism spectrum disorders; twelve clients have a seizure disorder; eighteen clients have Down Syndrome and 106 clients have some level of Mental Retardation. Services we provide include nursing, toileting, feeding, seizure management and self-injurious behavior management.

*Village Learning & Achievement Center is one of a very few centers in our regional area who will provide services to those who require extensive direct care services such as these.*

Unfortunately we have seen families arrive at Village Learning & Achievement Center for help after their loved one has been in and out of other programs that provided no stimulation, no interaction, no programming, and no physical support, only a room with similar individuals watching 24-hour television programming.

One of our parents said, "We tried some different adult day care placements. Not enough structure. Not enough to do. After trying so many places and then finding Village Learning & Achievement Center. Going in, finding Emma. Emma was Lori's 4th grade teacher. We were able to ask her "Lori, would you like to go to school and learn with Emma?" The look on her face was priceless. Lori had lost quite a few skills since aging out of school. Within two weeks, we could see skills coming back. She didn't look depressed any more. We really feel like she was reborn when she went to Village"

Village Learning & Achievement Center provides stimulating activities, one-on-one interaction and personal contact, excellent programming, life-skills training, community-based interaction and affordable residential opportunities – the result: a miraculous change in quality of the individual's life. Where there was unresponsiveness, motionless, or unemotional interaction, now there are smiling faces, mobility, and communication. Our success stories make what we do all worthwhile.