



Ready for Life Skill Building

LIFE SKILL PROGRAM

Clients Served: Individuals with an intellectual disability receiving group community living support hours

Location: 3250 28th St SE, Ste 102, Grand Rapids, MI

Hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday

Staff to Client Ratio: 5:1

Funding Partners: Community Mental Health Agencies Skill Building hours or private pay

Transportation: Arranged by Client, provided by Ready for Life (for CMH Agencies clients)

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Work skills training developed through volunteerism, community integration and interactive lessons.
- Caring staff who provide services to assist individuals in their transition toward independence and meaningful work and/or independent volunteer roles in the community.
 - Lifelong learning model based on student's individual goals
 - Relationships that are mutual and valued
- Participation in a range of cultural and social outings at local sites
- Individual choice each day on scheduled volunteer site and activity

PROGRAM VALUES

- Individual worth and value
- Lifelong learning model dedicated to:
 - Fostering interdependent community
 - Encouraging strong work skills
 - Cultivating gift-based character
- Inclusion
- Service learning
- Building purposeful relationships
- Promoting healthy lifestyle habits
- Advancing individual responsibility and citizenship

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Mel Trotter Ministries Community Pantry, Kid's Food Basket, Feeding America of W Michigan, and Senior Meals – Sort and package food items, label food products and assist with packaging groceries for clients.
- Mel Trotter Daycare Center – Clean children's toys and toy room and socialize with the children.
- Humane Society of W Michigan and Petco – Clean and fold towels, clean visitor's rooms and social with cats and clean their cages.
- Comprenew – Disassemble electronic parts and sort for recycling.
- Our Daily Bread Ministries, Family Futures and Crossroads Bible Church – Assist with mailing.
- Sunshine Community Church, Redeemer Church and Immanuel Church – Clean sanctuary and children's toys.
- Brookside Christian Reform Church – Prepare and freeze meals for families
- John Ball Park Zoo – clean and sanitize petting zoo stalls.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- Diagnosed with Special needs
- Completion of high school with a certificate of completion
- Desire to learn work skills
- Ability to work as a team player
- Minimal behavioral needs
- Signed client guideline and policy handbook

OUTCOMES OF READY FOR LIFE SKILL BUILDING

- Improved self-confidence, independence, communication skills and community awareness for Ready for Life students
- Skill learning and skills development for Ready for Life students
- Increase in maturity level for Ready for Life students
- Community commitment to inclusivity



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