

Florida Mentor – Suncoast Region



Florida Mentor's mission is to create a system of care for individuals with complex conditions that provides:

- Options for living in the community;
- Supports for attaining independence; and
- Opportunities for personal growth and personal connection in natural settings.

Florida Mentor believes that individuals should have the opportunity to receive services and supports in their own communities regardless of the complexity of their condition, severity of their disability, or challenges of their behavior.

Location

Hillsborough County Developmental Center 14219
Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33613

Programs

The center, located in north Tampa near The University of South Florida, provides twenty-four hour care, supervision and life-management skills in four 15-bed homes. Each of the homes consists of semi-private personalized bedrooms and shared living, recreation, dining and kitchen areas.

HCDC is conveniently located near shopping, educational, religious, medical and other community resources.

Fully equipped kitchens in each home allow residents who are independent to prepare portions of their meals. Residents who lack kitchen skills are taught skills in their own living unit's kitchen. Laundry facilities are also located in home for individuals who are independent and those who require training in laundry skills. In addition, a central services building houses support services, a main kitchen and a multi-purpose activity room that is used for a variety social activities including dances, games and church services.

HCDC provides each individual with a daily routine of scheduled activities that focus on individual needs and choices. Each individual has his/her own Habilitation Plan that is based on the results of a thorough interdisciplinary evaluation and is continually updated to accommodate changing needs and choices. Families and individuals are encouraged to participate in the design of treatment and training plans and daily activity schedules.

The following programs and service are among those offered: Physical and occupational therapy, nutrition services, social skills, behavioral assistance, human growth and development, psychological services, medical, dental, nursing, and senior activities. Day program services are also provided through Pyramid or a program of each individual's choice.

Staffing

The center provides a staff-to-individuals ratio that meets or exceeds federal and state regulations. Direct care staff are supervised and complemented by a robust staff of professionals and consultants who represent a broad range of disciplines.

HCDC is an equal opportunity provider and maintains a drug-free workplace.

Unique Features

HCDC works with the University of South Florida to provide practical experience and education in the field of developmental disabilities to students in Medical School and the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

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