



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Diversified Enterprises *Community Supports program* is a program without walls (100% community involvement that provides to/from transportation) founded on a three (3)-fold approach to personal development: volunteerism, civic engagement and recreation thus creating a platform for community exploration, skill development, self-discovery as well as building genuine community connections. The focus of all activities is to build confidence, promote growth and provide individuals with the tools they need to support an independent life-style. With “person centered” philosophy which embodies “quiet integration,” persons supported become actively involved members of their communities. We endeavor to provide an atmosphere in which all individuals can express their talents and explore their communities with a minimum of support from trained, professional and caring staff.

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Typical hours are Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00am and 5:00pm (hours can be adjusted as needed). Activities and hours will be based upon the individuals desired outcomes and the three core components (volunteering, civic engagement and recreation). Occasional evening or weekend supports can be scheduled as well.

Program Goals:

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Program Location:

The Communities of South Georgia

Traditional settings can lack an integrated environment: Diversified Supports 100% community integration. Our major focus is to provide opportunities in locations where they naturally occur. This provides a greater opportunity to expose persons supported to their TRUE communities.

Services/Benefits Provided:

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There is no “hub” for our program: 100% community integration. Our major focus is to provide opportunities in locations where they naturally occur. This provides a greater opportunity to expose them to TRUE community experiences. Services are provided under the categories of *Community Access (CAI/CAG)* and *Community Living Services (CLS)*

Populations served:

- ❖ Individuals over 16 years of age or older with a Developmental Disabilities that are eligible for NOW or COMP waiver funding through DBHDD.

Admission criteria:

- ✓ Must have a documented disability
- ✓ Eligible for Medicaid Waiver or Private Funding.
- ✓ Ability to benefit from services, including willingness to participate in community based experiences provided individually or in small group settings with the levels of staffing provided under current funding structures.
- ✓ Medical needs do not necessitate skilled Nursing Care during hours of service
- ✓ Must be 16 years or older
- ✓ Must be medically stable prior to admission including free from communicable diseases that pose a serious threat as defined by public health authorities (ex. Tuberculosis).
- ✓ Must not be deemed a threat to self or others (including no recent history of serious aggressive or violent behavior).
- ✓ Not actively abusing drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ Must submit required intake paperwork for admission.

Discharge Criteria:

- All applicable individual goals have been met.
- Acceptance in alternate program.
- Violent or disruptive behavior that poses danger to self or others and that has not been successfully controlled with appropriate support methods.
- Consistent refusal to participate in activities including community experiences.
- Presents needs which cannot be met with available resources.
- Services no longer required, excessive absenteeism or does not benefit from program.

Program Capacity:

- ◆ Unlimited

Opportunities for vocational services and wage earning:

- ❖ Diversified Enterprises is an Employment First Organization so community support services may be combined with Supported Employment and Customized Employment Opportunities.

Staff Qualifications:

- ◆ Trained and holds current CPR/ First Aid certification
- ◆ Trained and holds current Medication Assistance certification
- ◆ Trained and holds current Mandt (behavior management) certification
- ◆ Free of communicable disease in any form.
- ◆ Cleared through criminal background investigation and drug testing.
- ◆ Has demonstrated skills and abilities in supporting individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Accreditation & Licensure:

- Diversified Enterprises is accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL). It is also licensed through the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.