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Little City by the Numbers:

Overview

450 Little City staff support **nearly 400 children and adults** with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities providing them with opportunities to live safely, learn continuously, explore creatively and work productively throughout their lifetimes. Little City has been **accredited by CARF** (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitative Facilities) continuously since **December 1997**.

ChildBridge Children's Services

Little City's **ChildBridge Center for Group-Home Living** provides 24/7 residential care and support for more than **50 children** through **five** campus-based group homes and **one** community-based group home specifically designed for youth transitioning to adulthood. **Two of the six planned Duffey Family Children's Village homes** open December 2014.

The **ChildBridge Center for Education** provides specialized education to **19 students** with the **capacity to serve up to 50 students** upon completion of the expansion, bringing the school footprint to more than **10,000 square feet**.

LifePath Adult Services

The **LifePath Center for Adult Living** offers a variety of residential living choices for **175 adults**. Adults can choose between Community Living Facilities, Supported Living Arrangements or Community Integrated Living Arrangements.

Little City owns and operates **15 community-based group homes** in the northwest suburbs across Cook and DuPage Counties.



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More than **250 adults** have secured full- and part-time employment opportunities with support from the **Center for Employment & Business Development**.

61 individuals age 55 and older participate in the **LifePath Senior Services Program**, which shifts focus from fostering new skills and independence to maintaining the individual's present skills and level of autonomy for as long as possible. More than **45 seniors** have lived at Little City for at least **20 years**.

Center for Family & Community-Based Services

Little City's **Foster Care & Adoption Program** provides services to more than **50 children** in substitute care. **Ten children** united with loving, adoptive parents in FY2014.

The **Home-Based Supports Program** provides in-home personal and family support services to more than **110 families** throughout the Chicagoland area.

Quality of Life Services

Little City's award-winning **Center for the Arts** allows individuals to explore and expand unique and creative talents, promoting a sense of accomplishment and empowerment through the arts. **14 full-time artists** work in the **Center for the Arts** and approximately **85 adults** participate in various art programs. In FY2014, the Center produced **12 exhibits**.

"Share My Kingdom," a documentary that delves into the lives of three artists with disabilities, Harold Jeffries, Wayne Mazurek and Luke Tauber, provides a fascinating glimpse into the creative process in the production of Outsider Art. In 2014, **16 screenings** occurred at film festivals and locations across the United States.

21 youth participated in the 2014 **Summer Youth Employment Program** at the **Dorothy Rose Center for Horticulture Therapy**.



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The **Ethel B. and Joel H. Sharenow Center for Fitness and Recreation** includes a movie theater, game room, Fitness Center with equipment specifically designed for children and adults with disabilities and a pool with a wheelchair lift. More than **70 adults and children** compete in **nine Special Olympics sports** year round.

Little City Demographics

100% of adults served at Little City have an intellectual disability.

52% of adults served at Little City are age 50 or older.

64% of adult participants are male

36% of adult participants are female

30% of individuals served at Little City are wards of the state.

80% of children served have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

74% of children participants are male

26% of children participants are female

Little City must raise an average of \$10,000*/ individual/year to maintain the quality of life established for each child and adult at Little City. Beyond the state required minimal standard of care, Little City's quality of life standard encompasses programs and services that foster a life of health, recreation, education and culture that protect one's rights, beliefs, choices and aspirations.

*The shortfall is due primarily to less than full reimbursement from the State of Illinois for services rendered, but also due to Little City's commitment to a quality of life.