



CENTER FOR
ENRICHED
LIVING



OUR MISSION

CEL exists so that people with developmental disabilities can be fully **included** in the community, **achieve** personal success, and **enjoy** a good quality of life.

R.E.A.C.H.

A unique program for adults with developmental disabilities

Ready for life, friends and new experiences

Employment readiness

Accessing community resources

Civic and volunteer work

Healthy lifestyle initiatives



THE BEGINNING

- REACH was established in August 2009
- We saw a need for different options for adults to experience life after high school
- We began with only a handful of members, a few days per week
- As time went on, we grew in size and became a full-day program operating 5 days a week
- We currently serve 47 individuals, average of 30 per day, and have 12 staff members in our Riverwoods location
- In September of 2017, we opened a second location in Hoffman Estates that serves 9 individuals with an average of 7 members per day.





What do we do?

Year-round community-based day program

Socialization

Alternative to the typical workshop/warehouse model

Mix recreation with work skills and volunteering

Adults 22 years and up with a variety of abilities

Opportunities to:

- **LEARN**
- **GROW**
- **CONNECT**
- **ACHIEVE**
- **THRIVE**



WE FILL OUR DAYS WITH...

Volunteer and work skill training

- *Enabling Gardens*
- *Elk Grove Food Pantry*
- *Janitorial Training*
- *Deerfield Library Dusters*
- *Feed My Starving Children*



WE FILL OUR DAYS WITH...

Communication and relationship building

- *Relationship Class*
- *Ladybug Club and Men's Club*
- *Collaborate with other day programs*



WE FILL OUR DAYS WITH...

Household responsibility and personal care

- *Instructional Cooking*
- *Problem Solving*
- *Everyday Math*
- *Club Fit*



WE FILL OUR DAYS WITH...

Community skills and educating others

- *First Responder Training*
- *Weekly outings to events and museums*



See Our Members In Action



VERONICA

Learning healthy new cooking options and exploring the community



Members in Action

Scotty

Learning to use a fire extinguisher and participating in book club



Members in Action



Joe

Helping friends REACH new destinations

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WE ARE AS UNIQUE AS YOU

- **REACH is Community-Based**

- Our members are out and about an average of 70% of their time at **REACH**
- We maintain over 20 community partnerships including Marriott, Chicago Botanic Gardens

- **Person-Centered Programming**

- REACH activities are based upon what our members want to do – our members choose how to use their time
- Every REACH member has individualized goals to work on throughout their day. We get to know every member to help them set achievable, measurable goals.

BECOMING A MEMBER

Step 1: Info Tour

Step 2: New Member Orientation

Step 3: Observation

Step 4: Free Trial Day

Step 5: 30 day Assessment

Step 6: REACH 4 Success



TODAY in Riverwoods



- 47 members currently enrolled
- More than 30 weekly activity options
- Over 15 weekly volunteer sites
- Collaborative activities with other day and transition programs

TODAY in Hoffman Estates



- 9 members currently enrolled with more in the pipeline
- Approximately 15 weekly activity options

- Weekly volunteer opportunities
- Collaborative activities with other day and transition programs

Cost

5:1

- **~\$85/day**

3:1 and 1:1

- **~\$115/day**

***Scholarship available**



Employment Opportunities



Background

- Started in 2017
- 30 active members in program
- 14 currently employed
- Individualized Process
- Serve all different abilities
- Breaking the mold



Process



- *Discovery*
- *Setting goals*

- *Job Search*
- *Continued Support*

Employment Initiatives

- *Work closely with REACH*
- *CQL Accreditation and DRS*
- *Using a variety of assessment tools*
- *Training companies*
- *Costs - \$60 per every 90 mins.*



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Open House

April 30th

11am – 1:30pm

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