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At-A-Glance

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CONCEPT:

- A co-ed community of young adults in their 20s with disabilities.
- Live independently with some supports.
- Participants live in apartment buildings within walking distance of each other, 1 or 2 per apartment.
- Human services agency (JEVS Human Services) manages program/provides oversight & services, including vocational services.
- Families serve as an active “advisory board.”

LOCATION – NARBERTH, PA

- Downtown area for living/working/playing:
Housing Pharmacies Stores/Restaurants
Supermarkets Movie Theater Parks/Recreational Facilities
- No dependency on private transportation – hospitals, gyms, and all of Philadelphia’s cultural and sports venues are available through easily accessible public transportation.

PROGRAM PARTNER – JEVS HUMAN SERVICES

- Established, well-respected non-sectarian provider in Philadelphia region.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE/SERVICES PROVIDED

- Program Oversight – JEVS staff; Families serve as an active advisory board.
- Service Coordination—development and oversight of plan of care and links with agencies for eligibility status (of the newly independent young adult) for specific benefits and services.
- Life Skills Training—in-home support, including apartment housekeeping, apartment mate issues, meal planning and preparation, and financial management.
- Social activities will be organized; all will be encouraged to participate.
- Guidance for participants in planning free time.
- Staff regularly visit apartments and meet with participants.
- 24/7 emergency support—staff will take calls and respond as needed.
- Vocational Coaching and Job Development.

HOUSING

- Participants responsible for finding and paying for their own housing.

ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be in their 20s and have a disability.
- Participants must be able to live independently with supports, and not require a supervised or certified living situation.
- Participants must be willing and able to work, volunteer and/or be involved in educational program.

PROGRAM COSTS

- Some services paid for by state/federal government if participant is eligible. If not eligible, services will be “private pay”—families billed by JEVS Human Services.
- Annual program fee for all families, with additional services billed on as-needed basis depending on eligibility for government funding.