



## *Learn how our program offers a variety of opportunities for young adults with disabilities to lead independent, fulfilling, and productive lives*

**JEVS Human Services** provides individuals with the freedom to learn, experience and achieve their life's goals. Our Independence Network is a new supported independent living community in Collingswood, NJ, and based on a successful model program in Narberth, Pa. Each member, along with family members and/or advocates, work with staff to set his/her own goals and identify interests and needs. The ongoing supports and resources provided by JEVS Independence Network helps individuals as they work through challenges of being independent, while improving life skills, social skills, recreation skills, and work skills. Most of all, members are encouraged to make choices that help them improve their lives and build self-reliance and self-esteem.

### **Program Highlights**

- Assist members to transition to living independently in their own apartments throughout the Collingswood community
- Individualized guidance and support to build independent living skills
- Regular apartment visits to monitor health and safety, goal progress, and share recommendations and strategies that foster long-term success
- Employment support focused on finding and retaining jobs, as well as taking steps necessary for career advancement
- A monthly calendar offering an extensive variety of opportunities for members to engage in social, cultural, educational, health and wellness community-based activities
- Support to actively engage in community activities and volunteer opportunities
- Group discussions and demonstrations that address common concerns of young adults and encourage peer mentoring and support to naturally emerge
- 24-hour, on-call support to address emergencies and respond as needed
- Ongoing collaboration with families who serve as an active "advisory board" and subcommittee members