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# Extended School Year @ The Vanguard School

**June 30 - July 31, 2025**

**Monday-Thursday (9:00AM - 3:00PM)**

The Extended School Year (ESY) program at The Vanguard School provides individualized academic instruction with a focus on building communication, social, daily living and vocational skills. ESY incorporates traditional summer recreational activities into the daily academic schedule to make learning successful and fun.

The Vanguard School provides programs for students who require a high degree of individualized attention and intervention including those with autism spectrum disorder, developmental disabilities, speech-language deficits and students who experience social-emotional, executive functioning and behavioral difficulties.



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**Session 1: Aug. 11-15, 2025**

**Session 2: Aug. 18-22, 2025**

**\*Day, Overnight and Weekend Options**

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## Camp Vanguard

*Formerly VFES @ Camp Kweebec*

On Camp Kweebec's 200+ acres in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, VFES offers a day and overnight camp experience that fosters independence and cultivates friendships through traditional camp activities, such as fishing, swimming, boating, arts and crafts, sports and games, cooking and environmental education.

Day Camp transportation is provided between our Malvern campus and the camp property in Schwenksville. For Day campers, families also may choose to drop off and pick up their camper at Camp Kweebec daily.

- » For campers with autism, developmental disabilities and learning differences, and campers requiring behavior support
- » Emphasis on strengthening interpersonal skills and self-advocacy
- » Low camper-to-staff ratio
- » Day, overnight and 1- or 2-week sessions available
- » Small group activities and structured daily programs
- » Weekend travel excursions

# Resources & Programs

## 1847 Financial

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[1847financial.com/special-needs-resource](http://1847financial.com/special-needs-resource)

Our team is trained to work with families who need help creating a comprehensive financial strategy for their loved one with special needs. We work with clients to bridge the gap between community, government and long term support. We develop a comprehensive financial and social strategy to assist individuals to live the life they desire. This includes strategies for funding a special needs trust, planning a “three-person retirement,” multigenerational wealth management, and advanced insurance planning Investment advisory solutions.

## Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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AADD has served the Philadelphia community for over 52 years, empowering adults with developmental disabilities through weekly RAP groups focused on self-determination and self-care. Members also engage in social learning activities like community outings, theater, and museum visits. Extended vacations, supervised by AADD staff, allow individuals to gain independence and strengthen relationships. The program promotes personal growth, confidence, and connection, helping participants thrive in their communities.

## ABA Centers of Pennsylvania

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ABA Centers of Pennsylvania embraces the “Pursue Your Happiness” motto as we help kids and teens diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder through ABA therapy. We also provide evaluations to families with children who demonstrate signs of autism and offer the peace of mind that comes with an official autism diagnosis when applicable. Our clinical teams have decades of experience working closely with families, helping children find their voices, and creating early interventions that can ripple throughout a lifetime.

## Belmont Behavioral/ Star Program

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The Specialized Treatment for Autism and Related (STAR) Disorders Program provides inpatient care for children ages 5-12 who have autism spectrum disorder and other neurodevelopmental disorders, such as intellectual developmental disorder.

## BuxMont CHADD

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BuxMont CHADD is the local chapter of CHADD Inc. (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder), the national organization serving families and individuals living with ADHD. Serving Bucks and Montgomery counties, we provide educational resources; monthly online meetings for parents and adults; and participate in community and social events throughout the year.

## ASERT

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ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities, and other providers involved in the treatment and care of individuals of all ages with autism and their families. ASERT was developed to bring together resources locally, regionally and statewide.

## Customized Workforce Solutions

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Customized Workforce Solutions (CWS) helps adults (18 and older) who are facing employment barriers reach their career goals. Our process leads participants into discovering their career interests, understanding workplace dynamics, building skill sets and most importantly, provides them with tailored job opportunities and skilled employment specialists needed to maintain a competitive or support long-term (or short term) job.

## CF Counseling Connections, LLC

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CF Counseling Connections offers individual counseling and social groups, specifically geared towards neurodivergent individuals. Individual counseling is offered in our Paoli office and via telehealth. Our social groups are offered in-person and virtually for neurodivergent young adults ages 18-40 who are looking to form meaningful friendships. Groups are facilitated by licensed counselors who assist with social interaction, conversational skills, independence and self-esteem while participating in fun activities.

## Chapel Haven Schleifer Center

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Chapel Haven Schleifer Center provides lifelong individualized services for people with developmental and social disabilities, empowering them to live independent and self-determined lives.

## Code Ninjas Malvern

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Code Ninjas turns children's love for technology and games into valuable coding skills. Code Ninjas helps build confidence, creativity and problem solving abilities. Code Ninjas fosters social interaction, enhances executive function skills, and celebrates each child's unique strengths. It's a place where neurodiverse learners can develop future ready skills while having fun and feeling included.

## Comprehensive Neuropsychology Services, PLLC

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CNS specializes in neuropsychological evaluations for children, teens, and young adults, focusing on ADHD, learning disabilities, autism, and psychiatric concerns like anxiety and depression. We have expertise in assessing the impact of medical, neurological, and genetic conditions on functioning. Our services include consultations for families, schools, and professionals, as well as interventions and therapy. We prioritize collaboration to deliver compassionate care and practical recommendations that empower success.

## Devereux CAAPP

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The Community Adult Autism Partnership Program (CAAPP) provides individualized and innovative community-based support services to adults with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other disabilities. The primary goal is to provide instruction and support across community, home and work environments that will help individuals become productive, socially connected, and personally fulfilled members of their local communities.



## Families CCAN

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Families CCAN is a local nonprofit supporting individuals with disabilities ages 16+ and their families. We provide resources, info and hands-on opportunities to build readiness skills for independence, networking, and long-range planning. Visit our website to register for events and check out resources.

## Focused Approach

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Focused Approach offers customized virtual feeding therapy to help kids overcome picky eating challenges. Our behavior-based approach focuses on children consuming a variety of new foods to expand their diet and improve daily functioning.

## GVA Wealth Management

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We are a wealth advisory firm specializing in Special Needs Financial Planning. We offer tailored financial strategies that support the unique needs and goals of individuals with disabilities and their families. Our expertise encompasses comprehensive wealth management, ensuring a secure financial future through personalized planning and resource management.

## Helping Hands Family

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Helping Hands Family is an Autism Services Provider in PA, CT, MD, NJ, and NY. We use the American Medical Association endorsed Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) practice to help children with autism reach life-changing milestones. We always use a child-led and play-based approach to ABA. Our goal is to foster data backed by continuous improvement over the course of our autism treatment.

## Herr, Potts and Potts, LLC

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A small, boutique law firm that focuses its practice on special needs planning, special needs trusts and guardianships.

## Hill Top Preparatory School

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Hill Top Preparatory School provides life-changing experiences for bright and creative students who struggle to achieve academic and social success due to performance-based learning differences, including ADHD, autism, specific learning disabilities, or anxiety. Through strong family-school collaboration, Hill Top prepares students for future success in college, work, and life as independent adults.

## Judith Creed Horizons for Achieving Independence

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JCHAI inspires and empowers neurodiverse adults to imagine and fulfill their life aspirations, and be valued contributors in the community. We start with your goals, such as a meaningful social life, living on your own, career development, having fun or learning new things. Our collaborative approach to your personalized toolkit may include 1:1 professional coaching, classes, intentional gatherings, socials and outings. Learn more by attending our open houses, free educational and support programs, or book a free zoom consultation with us.

## Kaleidoscope Family Solutions

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Kaleidoscope Family Solutions provides Medicaid Waiver home and community-based services to individuals throughout the state of PA. We focus on person-centered programming with the goal of enhancing lives of individuals and their families in a postsecondary world.

## Maria Sanders Parent Coach

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Maria Sanders is a Licensed Social Worker, Parent Coach and Certified Trainer in the Collaborative Problem Solving® (CPS) approach by Think:Kids, a program based at the Department of Psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition, Maria is a Certified Trauma and Resilience Specialist. She works with parents struggling with any parenting challenge, from getting a child to sleep to addressing parent-teen conflicts. She offers programs/training to schools, pediatrician offices, summer camps and more.

## National Financial Network

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We are the Planning for Special Needs team at National Financial Network. We work with families and caregivers of loved ones with special needs to ensure that their futures are organized and secure, while also allowing them to move towards different future goals that they may have.

## Neurodiversity Employment Network

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We are a Philadelphia-based non profit organization dedicated to building connections. We connect job seekers, employers, educators, and service providers to enable neurodivergent individuals to gain meaningful employment.

## OWLS Therapy

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OWLS Therapy is a boutique in-home private pediatric speech, language, and dyslexia therapy practice focusing on oral language, writing, literacy, and speech. We are dedicated to helping children's speech and communication skills develop and grow as they are essential to their academic and social success. We pride ourselves in offering comprehensive evaluations and evidence-based treatment that incorporates clinical expertise, best current evidence, client and family values, and of course, some fun!

## PA Treasury/PA ABLE program

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PA ABLE is a savings program offering people with qualifying disabilities a way to save that does not affect their means-tested benefits. The PA ABLE Savings Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Treasury Department.

## Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

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Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation is a statewide nonprofit that helps people of all ages, all income levels, and all disabilities and health conditions obtain assistive technology (AT). This includes everything from an adapted vehicle to a hearing aid, or fencing to make a home safer for a child with autism elopement. There is no set list of what AT is. We help people find funding for the item that suits their needs. PATF also has financial education with information pertaining to the disability community.

## Rogers Behavioral Health

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Rogers Behavioral Health is a nationally recognized not-for-profit provider of evidence-based mental health and addiction services. We offer comprehensive treatment options to help children, adolescents, and adults struggling with addiction and mental health disorders with inpatient, residential, and higher level of care outpatient services. At Rogers in Philadelphia, patients can access effective outpatient treatment, and the support needed to find hope and healing from their mental health conditions.

## SMart Center

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The SMart Center specializes in treating Selective Mutism and social anxiety for children, teens, and adults through Dr. Elisa Shipon-Blum's evidence-based treatment approach, S-CAT®. The SMart Center also offers general mental health counseling and comprehensive assessments!

## The Center for Autism Research at CHOP

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Center for Autism Research (CAR) is based at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, with research and collaborations spanning CHOP, the University of Pennsylvania, and other academic institutions nationally and internationally. Our three-part mission is to understand the causes of autism, in order to develop effective interventions and supports through research; to serve the needs of autistic individuals and their family members through education and guidance throughout the lifespan.

## The College Experience Program / CareerNext

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The College Experience is a certificate program, partnered with Russell Sage College, that gives students with disabilities the opportunity to attend college, be a part of a campus community and take part in a program that helps them transition to independent adult life. CareerNext is a fee-for-service, academic advisory, advocacy program for the degree-seeking student. We provide support in time management, executive functioning and advocacy to help the student successfully navigate the college academic environment.

## The Pathway School

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The Pathway School is a nonprofit special education school licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Founded in 1961, Pathway serves students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Intellectual Disabilities, serious emotional disturbances and other neurological impairments. Pathway's programs are licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Academic Schools and approved by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Special Education to serve students ages 5–21.



## The Philadelphia Rock Gyms

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The Philadelphia Rock Gyms, with multiple locations in the Philadelphia area, has introduced 100,000+ people to rock climbing. Dedicated to excellence and safety, we offer indoor climbing/classes and outdoor training/expeditions. We promote team development and leadership skills through ground-based initiatives and seminars in our Teambuilding Program. Most important, we teach people of all ages, skill levels, and neurodivergences to discover the spirit of climbing--confidence, teamwork, balance, and community.

## The REACH Group

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The REACH Group empowers families by simplifying special education complexities through expert guidance, collaboration, and education. Led by former Special Education Administrators and teachers, they ensure children receive the support they need while helping parents confidently navigate the process. Their holistic approach focuses on meeting the unique needs of each child and family, fostering understanding and advocacy for optimal educational outcomes.

## Thrive Advocacy Group

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Thrive Advocacy Group offers comprehensive services that are dedicated to supporting families and individuals by tailoring solutions to their unique needs. Through collaborative efforts with like-minded professionals, we offer a range of services to address various aspects of family life. Our offerings include Educational Consulting and Advocacy, Transition Consulting, and Family Support Services.

## Vanguard Vocational Immersion Program (VIP)

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Valley Forge Educational Services' Vocational Immersion Program (VIP) is a four-week intensive, pre-employment program for young adults (ages 18-21) with a strong focus on work readiness, career exploration, and a week-long independent living experience. Partnering with local businesses, VIP evaluates each participant's personal interests and strengths to place them within a valuable work environment.

## Variety - The Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley

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Variety-The Children's Charity of the Delaware Valley provides more than 20 different social, recreational, educational, and vocational programs for children and young adults with all disabilities.

# Camps & Recreation

## Camp Pegasus/Art of Friendship

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CampPegasus.com  
artoffriendshipsocialskills.com

In business since 2000, Art of Friendship is the region's leading neurodiversity and social skills therapy organization. We provide year-around social skills groups and individual therapy for youth ages 4-19. We are known for our Camp Pegasus summer social skills program that features art therapy, music therapy, free-play, and our original accepting/strength-based approach. In all of our work with neurodivergent kids, we prioritize parent support and training so that caregivers can continue the social development on the home front.

## Camp Speers YMCA

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The Dragonfly Forest specialty camp is a traditional overnight program for kids and young adults with Autism, 22q, Down Syndrome, and other cognitive and developmental disabilities. We aim to make camp a reality for as many families as possible. By partnering with parents and experts in the medical field, we can provide accommodations for our campers that allows them to be successful at camp. Dragonfly Forest aims to provide a culture of inclusion while fostering confidence and independence in each of our campers.

## Camp Vanguard

*(Formerly VFES @ Camp Kweebec)*

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Located on Camp Kweebec's 200+ acres in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, Camp Vanguard's Traditional Day & Overnight Camp offers children and young adults, ages 7-21, a camp experience that fosters independence and cultivates friendships through traditional camp activities. Participants explore, swim and play. Camp traditions include GaGa Ball, arts & crafts, horse riding, cooking, zip-lining and so much more. Camp Vanguard offers options for day or overnight camp with one week, two week or weekend options available.

## Extended School Year at The Vanguard School

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The Vanguard School's ESY program helps curb summer learning loss and keeps students actively engaged in the learning process during the summer months. Individualized academics and instruction focus on building communication, social, daily living and vocational skills. The ESY program incorporates traditional summer recreational activities into the daily academic schedule to make learning successful and fun.

## Fick Educational Services

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Fick Educational Services is devoted to the educational needs of the children we serve. Through individualized learning plans, tutoring, advocacy and summer camps, we strive to ensure that all children have access to the education they deserve, laying the foundation for a brighter future. We strive to provide educational services in a more personal, comfortable, and nurturing environment.

## The Barn at Spring Brook Farm

360 Locust Grove Road  
West Chester, PA 19382  
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Programs@springbrook-farm.org  
springbrook-farm.org

Set on a 17-acre farm in West Chester, PA, The Barn at Spring Brook Farm is home to some very special, loving animals that have been trained to work with children with unique needs. Our facilities include a wheelchair-accessible barn that was designed specifically to provide opportunities for children with disabilities. The Barn offer programs throughout the year including an after school individual program for children ages 2-18, a summer camp for children ages 6-12, field trips and socialization events.

## The Kinney Center

376 N Latches Ln, Merion Station, PA 19066  
610.660.2170

kinney@sju.edu  
sju.edu/kinney

Your child can enjoy a traditional day camp experience while continuing the progress they achieved during the school year. Campers with autism participate in arts and crafts, science experiments, and visits from special guests alongside their neurotypical peers.

## YMCA of Greater Brandywine

1 E. Chestnut Street, West Chester, PA 19380  
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The YMCA of Greater Brandywine offers a robust catalog of adaptive programs and camps offering unique experiences with an emphasis on sports, social interaction and fun for our community with special needs. The impact of these programs goes far beyond the fun activities planned. The Y believes that in a diverse world we are stronger when we are inclusive, when our doors are open to all and when everyone has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

## Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation

1051 Pontiac Road #707, Drexel Hill, PA 19026  
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Our Butterfly Buddy Club is a monthly program for young, neurodiverse individuals and their families. For our young participants and their siblings, we offer different therapeutic and arts-centric activities each month. While all are welcome, we encourage children with special needs to participate knowing that their needs will be anticipated and accommodated. For the caregivers of these individuals, we will provide informative and supportive social activities unique for caregivers of children and youth with special needs. Our Butterfly Buddy camps are for children with disabilities and prioritizes small group sizes with each group led by a therapist and an assistant or "Buddy." We incorporate daily social skills lessons through structured creative arts activities in art, music, and dance/movement therapy!

WEEK ONE: Grades 6 - 8

WEEK TWO: Grades 3 - 5



# Vanguard Vocational Immersion Program

**June 30 - July 25, 2025**  
**Ages 18-24**

Designed for young adults with exceptionalities including autism spectrum disorder, speechlanguage and neurological impairments, developmental disabilities, learning differences and social-emotional difficulties

The Vanguard VIP is a four-week intensive pre-employment transition program with a strong focus on work readiness, community-based vocational experiences, career exploration, and discovery.

Partnering with local businesses, Vanguard VIP evaluates each participant's personal interests and strengths to place the young adult within a valuable work environment.

Vanguard VIP requires participants to be willing and able to self-reflect on work progress and self-advocate in an appropriate manner with staff, peers and employers. Participation decisions are made on an individual basis based on the suitability of the referral.

## Program Highlights

- » Classroom, community and workplace instruction
- » Assessment of strengths, interests, and needs
- » Workplace readiness training
- » Job interview preparation
- » Resume development
- » Career exploration and discovery
- » Independent living residency

## Program Criteria

Vanguard VIP Participants Should...

- » Have previous, successful experience with Community Based Vocational Training or other work-based programming
- » Have good self-regulation (participant does not require behavior support and/ or has no recent behavioral incidents)
- » Demonstrate the ability to work semi-independently in a small group in both a classroom setting and on a job site with minimal to no support.



# School-Age Respite Retreats

## 2025

VFES offers multiple retreats throughout the year for school-age children and adults with special needs. These retreats are held at the following locations: Mt. Gilead Conference Center in Stroudsburg, PA, Camp Kweebec in Schwenksville, PA and Camp Innabah in Spring City, PA. VFES' respite retreats give families and caregivers the peace of mind knowing their child or adult with special needs is being well cared for while having fun and memorable experiences with friends.

***Financial Aid May Be Available***

### Mt. Gilead

Ages 10-21 • Stroudsburg, PA  
March 28 - 30, 2025

### Camp Kweebec

Ages 7-21 • Schwenksville, PA  
May 9 - 11, 2025

### Camp Innabah

Ages 10-21 • Spring City, PA  
September 26 - 28, 2025



For information regarding our Cancellation Policy, please visit our website.



The Vanguard School • Adult and Recreation Services

***Valley Forge Educational Services prepares children and adults with special needs to realize their potential as contributing members of the community.***

Located on a scenic, 28-acre campus in Malvern, PA, Valley Forge Educational Services (VFES) offers a continuum of educational, recreational and employment-related services for people with disabilities. VFES staff take a collaborative and holistic approach to each child and adult, recognizing their unique abilities and needs through dedicated teams. VFES is committed to helping students and participants develop a strong sense of self-worth to realize their value as contributing members of the community through its two signature programs: The Vanguard School and Adult and Recreation Services (ARS).

Established in 1959, **The Vanguard School** was the first Pennsylvania-licensed Approved Private School (APS). Vanguard serves approximately 250 students, 5–22 years of age, who require a high degree of individualized attention, clinical supports and intervention, including those with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, speech-language deficits and students who experience social-emotional, executive functioning and behavioral difficulties.

**Adult and Recreation Services** offers educational and recreational programming for people, 7–35 years of age, with disabilities and learning challenges. Programs are designed to maximize each individual's potential in an inclusive, encouraging, enriching and supportive learning environment. Recreational services include camps, respite, social gatherings and retreats. Adult services include employment placement and support through the VFES service, Customized Workforce Solutions (CWS).

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