

Adult Services

The Walker Center at Bancroft Parenting Program

The Walker Parenting Program is dedicated to providing residential assistance and support services to parents with developmental disabilities and their children. As an extension of The Walker Center, a highly respected program that has been serving people with mental and physical disabilities in the Greater Philadelphia area for over 60 years, the Walker Parenting Program provides program participants with access to a continuum of medical, educational and psychological support services. The Walker Parenting Program offers community-based residential facilities or in-home supports. Each family lives in their own home with the support of trained residential aides. We offer the parents and children in our program a safe and supportive environment in which to live, learn, work and play.

Our Vision

The Walker Parenting Program will help each parent and child in our program achieve his or her full potential by continuously assessing each individual's needs in the context of their community, and adjusting our programs to meet them.

Goals

The goal of our program is to provide participants with a full range of support services of the highest quality, including residential, medical, psychological, educational and employment support, as well as training to build and strengthen essential parenting skills.

The Walker Parenting Program facilitates an ongoing assessment of each child's needs and abilities, and develops strategies to help the parents in meeting those needs. We also work with the children to help them understand and accept the reality of their situation.

Whenever possible, we welcome and encourage the participation of the extended family and friends in family-centered activities.

Our staff and volunteers receive ongoing training in child development, communication, child CPR, first aid and other essential skills.

To facilitate these goals, we utilize the services and resources of social service agencies such as the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Retardation (OMR).

Activities

Our staff assists program participants in a variety of activities, including enrollment in the WIC program, registering their children in early childhood education and day-care programs, navigating the educational system, and choosing age-appropriate toys and books for their children from the program's lending library.

Parents in the Walker Parenting Program attend parenting workshops, work with an educational specialist, and participate in counseling sessions at times that do not conflict with their work schedules or day programs.



Program Description

Community-based residential and socialization supports are provided to help each individual maximize his/her potential for community involvement and fulfillment.

Mission Statement

Bancroft's mission is to ensure that every person is given opportunities for lifelong learning and fulfillment.

We do this by altering perceptions, and by supporting those with intellectual and developmental challenges and acquired brain injuries in achieving their life goals as valued and respected members of our world.

Leadership

Sharon Williams-Taylor

Senior Operations Director

To learn more about The Walker Center Program, or to apply for admission, please call The Walker Center at:

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