

# SPECIAL POPULATION CENTER OPENS DAY PROGRAM

The City of Hialeah's Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center for Developmentally Disabled adults is opening enrollment into their day program.

Day program will run Monday through Friday at a cost of:

8:30 - 3:30 (\$105) 8:30 - 5:30 (\$135) per week for Residents

8:30 - 3:30 (\$120) 8:30 - 5:30 (\$150) per week for Non-Residents.

Activities include ceramics, computer classes, arts & crafts, Tai-Chi, nutrition, social and community integration, water exercise and Special Olympic training.

## *Applicants must meet the following admission criteria:*

- ◆ Be between the ages of 18-65
- ◆ Be diagnosed with a Developmental Disability (cognitive impairment) in accordance with the Department of Family and Children services standards
- ◆ Be certified by a licensed physician to be free of communicable disease and physically capable to participate in the therapeutic recreational program
- ◆ Be free of any maladaptive behaviors (physical/verbal aggression, non compliance, etc.)
- ◆ Participate in all independent and group activities
- ◆ Be able to toilet independently (Staff can facilitate verbal cues or toileting schedules - No diapers)
- ◆ Eat with minimal or no assistance
- ◆ Be able to respond to staff's direction and independently stay with group while in the community
- ◆ Provide their own transportation
- ◆ Function within a 1 to 10 staff or better: student ratio; if applicant requires closer supervision a case-by-case evaluation will be done
- ◆ Must have a recent physical examination by a license physician within 60 days of date on application (medial exams are to be renewed annually)
- ◆ Must provide a current support plan completed by a social worker of the support coordinator
- ◆ Must agree to undergo a psychosocial evaluation (administered by City staff)
- ◆ Must agree to participate in scheduled group activities (social events and Special Olympics are optional)

*Note: Participants will be reassessed annually based on the above criteria.*

## *Admission approval/disapproval*

- ◆ The Certified Therapeutics Recreation Specialist, subsequent to the initial interview with an applicant and upon receipt of all required admission material will determine eligibility for admission
- ◆ Prior to admission the applicant must have completed all admission requirements
- ◆ The decision to admit or deny is based on the applicant's ability to meet all required criteria
- ◆ In order to determine whether this is the most appropriate setting for the participant, admission is for a 30-day trial period (start date is to be determined by the City)

***For further information, please contact Rita Puentes at 305-824-5706.***



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