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Developmental Services Center (DSC)



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## Who Is DSC?

DSC is a nonprofit organization that has a long history of providing services and supports to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, currently serving approximately 1,200 people in Champaign and Ford counties. DSC partners with people with a clear focus on strengths and preferences to help design the level of supports needed to achieve personal success.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### **Family Development Center**

Early intervention improves the quality of life for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and/or delays through early identification, intervention, and family support. Family-centered intervention maximizes the gifts and capacities of families to provide responsive intervention within familiar routines and environments. Daycare consultation and developmental screenings are also available.

#### **ADULT SERVICES**

#### **Service Coordination**

Serves as the primary point of contact for each person receiving DSC services. The Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP) is responsible for coordinating agency support and access to community services. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) may request support to enhance or maintain their highest level of independence in the community, at work, and in their home. DSC provides paths to greater independence while being responsive to the needs of each person.

#### **Employment**

Offers supports and services for employment and skills training, volunteer opportunities, job exploration, and community-based employment to promote independence and personal satisfaction. Opportunities are customized for each person's individual interests and unique talents and abilities. The outcome for this program includes both securing and maintaining a job in which the person receives the support needed for success.

#### **Individual Family Support (IFS)**

Provides creative planning, intervention, home/community support, and training in close collaboration with families, teachers, and other members of the individual's support circle. Individuals and families may choose to purchase services from an agency or an independent contractor/vendor, based on the specific needs of the individual and their family. Individuals who choose DSC as a provider for daytime supports are served by fulltime IFS staff. Individuals who receive evening and weekend supports are served by part-time employees (including family members) who are identified by the individual and family.

#### **Day Program**

Person-centered practices focus on building networks of support, strengthening community connections and enhancing quality of life. People may enhance their lives in a variety of ways which may include: strengthening connections with friends, family, and local community through volunteering, citizenship, and self-advocacy opportunities; enhancing quality of life through participation in recreational, social,

educational, physical fitness, artistic, creative, fun activities that bring personal fulfillment; access to new friends and acquaintances through regular patronage of local restaurants, shops, libraries, museums, and cultural centers, etc.; exploration of jobs in an area of interest and identification of support necessary for their long term employment goals.

#### Residential

Provides services in a residential/ community setting that empowers people to live as independently as possible. Residential options include 24-hour CILA (Community Living Integrated Living Arrangement) support, Intermittent CILA, semi-supported apartments, and independent community living. Services vary and are uniquely designed for each person. The program assists individuals in learning/maintaining skills within a safe environment as they become more independent and to provide increased support for individuals as they lose skills due to aging, deteriorating health, or other chronic conditions that jeopardize their ability to maintain their independence.

# **DSC** Mission