

# ARKADELPHIA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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### Introduction

The Arkadelphia Human Development Center (AHDC) is a state-funded residential facility operated under the authority of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services and the Arkansas Department of Human Services. The center campus is located on a 333 acre tract of land six miles northwest of Arkadelphia in Clark County. AHDC's entrance is just outside the city limits of Caddo Valley and near scenic Lake Degray Spillway on the Caddo River. The center's budget for state fiscal year 2014 is approximately \$15 million dollars and the center currently has 310 authorized staff positions.

The center is licensed by the Office of Long Term Care as an Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled and has recently received its sixth consecutive 3-year accreditation from The Commission on Accreditation on Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is a private accrediting organization whose focus is to identify facilities that provide a high level of services. A three-year accreditation is the highest level awarded by the organization.

Construction of the Arkadelphia HDC began in 1966 with the first person being admitted approximately two years later on October 7, 1968. Currently AHDC is providing services to 119 people who have a primary diagnosis of intellectual disability. 82% of the center residents also have a mental health diagnosis. A breakdown of resident characteristics is as follows:

### Level of Intellectual Disability

Profound – 95 people  
Severe – 13 people  
Moderate – 7 people  
Mild – 4 people

### Other resident characteristics

Autistic – 21 people  
Health Fragile – 102 people  
Aggressive/Destructive/Self-injurious – 58 people  
Cerebral Palsy – 17 people  
Hearing and/or Vision Impaired – 47 people

### Criteria for Admission

Admission to AHDC begins with a request submitted to the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. Current admission criteria for AHDC call for an applicant to:

- 1) be at least 22 years of age or older, or a person 18-21 years of age who has a high school diploma or certificate of completion
- 2) have a developmental disability as confirmed by qualified professional assessments
- 3) have needs that can be met by a current vacancy

AHDC also provides short-term respite services. Admission requirements are the same as for regular admissions, with special consideration for emergency needs.

## Comprehensive Services

AHDC provides comprehensive services for the people residing at the facility based on the individual needs of the person. Those services include, but are not limited to:

- Habilitation and Vocational Training
- Medical Care
- Recreational Activities
- Community Integration

The AHDC was an integral part in establishing the Clark County Recycling Cooperative (CCRC), which is located on the facility campus and provides employment opportunities for the people residing at the center. The CCRC partners with more than 30 organizations in the Clark County Area in recycling plastics and paper to reduce landfill waste as well as provide employment options to people with intellectual disabilities.

AHDC also partners with the Arkansas Parks and Tourism in packaging and mailing informational packets about the state that are distributed nationwide, as well as internationally. This operation provides additional employment opportunities for the residents of the facility.

The AHDC's primary goal is to provide needed services to the people who live at the center in a manner that allows them the most opportunities for growth, safety and enrichment of life. The center is an integral part of the Arkadelphia community and is supported by the AHDC Volunteer Council, a private non-profit organization that provides supplemental backing for facility initiatives. The center is also supported by an active and energetic parent organization which serves as an additional arm of support in achieving facility goals.