

# DEC

DEVELOPMENTAL ENTERPRISES CORPORATION

## NORTH PENN TRAINING CENTER

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The North Penn Training Center joined forces with DEC in 1973 to help adults with developmental disabilities reach their fullest potential by promoting self-sufficiency, independence and community involvement.

Conveniently located near train and bus transportation, and within walking distance of numerous food and retail establishments, NPTC offers a comprehensive program that primarily focuses on vocational development, while creating outstanding opportunities for socialization and community integration. The Center's intensely dedicated staff look at the whole person, tailoring the services they provide to help each individual improve and refine job skills and increase a tolerance to work up to six hours a day.

Much of the ongoing activity involves DEC's innovative Contract Packaging and Assembly program. Individuals are trained by skilled professionals on a continuous basis to comfortably handle a wide variety of contracts, to cost-effectively provide business customers with a quality job that is delivered on time and on budget. Developmentally disabled adults who participate receive considerably more than "just" an opportunity to supplement their income by working. The activity promotes a sense of purpose and worth, providing each individual with positive social integration, structure and a chance to both be productive and to grow.



DEC's North Penn Training Center encourages individuals to exercise good citizenship by "giving back" to their community. Under the guidance and leadership of the NPTC Aktion Club, a public service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Indian Valley, developmentally disabled adults help deliver food



baskets to shut-ins and other neighbors in need, as well as raise money for children's charities, assist Franconia Township through their participation in community clean-up programs, and volunteer their time and talents at the Indian Valley YMCA in Harleysville.

Individuals at North Penn Training Center are expected to be fairly independent, productive and in less need of specialized services and non-vocational programs. The overriding mission is to help those people served live a life in which they make their own decisions, have friends and enjoy social interaction, and contribute to society.



With the support and participation of a dynamic parents group, North Penn provides a dignified and positive environment in which developmentally disabled adults reap the benefits of truly meaningful and functional activities.

All volunteers are more than welcomed – they're cherished. We love having community residents visit with us, to share their talents, hobbies or interests. There are so many ways you can be a valuable part of the growing NPTC family.

*The DEC North Penn Training Center ... where passion, training and vision make a positive difference in our community.*

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