

DEC

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WILLOW GROVE TRAINING CENTER

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DEC's largest program, the Willow Grove Training Center is an especially versatile and comprehensive vocational rehabilitation and training center, one that features many of the higher production components available at its four sister centers, plus a stratified group structure that serves the

special needs of adults with multiple disabilities and/or severe/profound mental retardation.

WGTC offers a broad range of services and activities that primarily focus on vocational development, while creating outstanding opportunities for socialization and community integration. The Center's dedicated and compassionate staff looks at the whole person, tailoring the services they provide to assist each



individual in four areas: living skills training; job training and employment services; community integration, and therapeutic and enrichment services.



However, among the other supportive programs offered at Willow Grove are occupational therapy, behavior management, socialization and communication, sports and other physical activities, massage therapy, Tai Chi and music therapy.

Much of the ongoing activity at DEC's Willow Grove Training Center involves the 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.

Willow Grove encourages individuals to exercise good citizenship by "giving back" to their community. Under the Center's guidance and supervision, developmentally disabled adults help deliver meals to shut-ins, the elderly and other neighbors in need; socialize with residents at various



nursing homes and assisted living centers throughout the area; help raise money for children's charities that save lives in Third World nations, and volunteer their time and talents to such outstanding community organizations as the Salvation Army, Philadelphia Cares, St. John's Hospice, MANNA, Meals On Wheels and the nearby Let's Imagine day care center.

With the support and participation of a dynamic parents group, Willow Grove 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 WGTC family.

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

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