

About RRAF:

RRAF is licensed by the Illinois Department of Human Service in Community Day Services.

RRAF has been accredited by CARF, International since 1997. Our current three-year award goes through 2021.



RRAF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations not exchanged for goods or services are tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS regulations. Our EIN is 36-3185125. We are exempt from sales tax in Illinois. Write or visit our website at RRAF.ORG for a copy of our financial statements.

RRAF is supported by many community organizations. Our future is dependent on our community friends and we thank them for their ongoing support.

Knights of Columbus:

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613 S. Main St.
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Where Reality is Respect,
Appreciation, and Fulfillment

RRAF is a not-for-profit agency, located in the western suburbs of Chicago. Our mission is to support adults with intellectual disabilities and their families by providing on-site and community based day programming, and in-home support services.

RRAF
Locations

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Programming Annex
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PHILOSOPHY

We are committed to creating an atmosphere of mutual respect that allows individuals to fulfill their own expectations of personal well-being, contentment and self-direction. We promote independence while maintaining a safe, positive learning environment.

VALUES

We value individuality, choice-making, self expression and natural social interactions at home, on site, and within the surrounding community.

We are successful because of the open communication and cooperation among the individuals we serve, their families, the staff, and the board members.

A DREAM REALIZED

RRAF is a not-for-profit agency that provides services to intellectually disabled adults, especially those with autism. It provides the needed support services, both in and out of the home, so these individuals can remain in their own home settings, surrounded by their families and other loved ones for as long as possible. We have been providing day programming and in-home support services for over 27 years.

RRAF was, and is, in large measure, the creation of Sam and Rosemary Lapertosa. Their dream was to form an agency that their own son with autism, Sam Jr., could attend when he finished high school. Through their tireless efforts they lobbied successfully for the funds necessary to begin providing day services in the fall of 1987. However, just as RRAF began the direction they had planned for, Sam and Rosemary passed away suddenly within one year of each other. But thanks to the solid foundation laid by the Lapertosas and everyone at RRAF we were able to continue the quest they had begun. Future dreams were also realized in 2001 when we were able to purchase a permanent site of our own in Lombard, IL, and then in 2006 when we opened building number two next door.

Today, RRAF provides programming to individuals living in DuPage and Western Cook counties. Individual training focuses on the needs of the whole person.

DAY SERVICES PROVIDED:

Community Day Services are available to individuals with intellectual disabilities who are at least 18 years of age. Training is provided in such areas as motor development, dressing, grooming, toileting, eating, language, reading, writing, productive vocational activities and the reduction of maladaptive behavior.

Community integration activities are a focus.

Program hours are from 9:30am to 2:30pm Monday through Friday, with the exception of holidays and in-services.

We accept both private pay and Medicaid Waiver funded individuals. Part-time attendance is accepted on a case by case basis. All transportation and programming services are provided by RRAF employed staff.

IN-HOME SERVICES PROVIDED:

Self-Directed Services are available to those with Home Based Support (HBS) funding, who also attend our Community Day Services program. By providing self-directed services, RRAF can assist individuals and their families in arranging the services they need, and managing their budgets to assure those needs are met. Family chosen Personal Support Workers provide the needed in-home services.

Note: Due to the unique needs of each individual within the HBS program, there are no standard hours, days, or frequency of services. These will be determined based on the specific needs identified within the Personal Plan and Implementation Strategy documents. HBS is a Medicaid Waiver funded program.



For information regarding obtaining Medicaid Waiver funding, please contact the local Service Coordination agency in your county of residence.

Private pay Community Day Services rates are comparable to the corresponding Medicaid Waiver rate. Please call for more information related to private pay accommodations.



WE BELIEVE ...

... that all individuals must be allowed to make choices in their daily routine and that outcomes and strategies developed for them must include this option.

... that all individuals should be given a communication system that includes the ability to say "I'm mad at you" and "Leave me alone" along with other emotion statements.

... that it is OK for individuals served to be mad at/ frustrated with/ disappointed in staff members and that respecting these emotions strengthens these relationships and encourages social growth.

... that functional training means using real money, at real stores, for actual purposes, etc.

... that the role of staff members is to support an individual to do things for themselves and not to do things for them.

... that behavior is communication and that the communicative intent behind behaviors should be interpreted and addressed.

... that individuals must, at all times, be treated their 'chronological' and not their 'functional' age and that this means we must 'respect our elders' even as we serve them.



"It is hard to describe just how important RRAF is to my daughter and our family. The RRAF van is a magic carpet that takes her to a land where she has friends, where she can learn with her peers, and where she can test her wings without the constant pressure of having an anxious mom or dad there."



Roger Davis, Parent