

Ohel Children's Home and Family Services

Bais Ezra Mission Statement and Goals

Ohel

Ohel Children Homes and Family Services, Inc. (Ohel) is a nonprofit 501-c-3 that helps individuals and families deal with lifelong disabilities, life cycle needs, traumatic events, and situational crises. For over a half century, Ohel has been, and remains a trusted haven of safety and support, providing services that help build lives, homes and communities to face social, developmental and emotional challenges.

Ohel remains a recognized leader in providing best-in-class treatment for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness, those in crisis, victims of abuse, older adults, and foster children. Ohel deploys evidence-based modalities with cultural sensitivity to help people manage illness and frailties, disabilities, traumatic events, situational crises, and everyday challenges in a caring and understanding environment.

Bais Ezra

Bais Ezra was established in 1978 to support people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families. Bais Ezra is overseen and funded by the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

Our Mission Statement

Bais Ezra's mission is to provide culturally competent services for intellectually/developmentally disabled persons. To that end, Ohel provides the full range of I/DD supports and services to people with diagnoses that include Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other such intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our Goals

Everyone has the right to strive to achieve the life they want to live, including people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Bais Ezra is there to provide support for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to achieve their personal desired outcomes in life. By providing person-centered residential and community-based services and delivery supports, Bais Ezra seeks to achieve its goals, which are to provide support to persons in our care to:

- lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives with as much independence as possible to achieve their personal desired outcomes
- live in a home and be active in the community of their choice
- improve the skills of daily living that matter most to them
- experience personal health and growth

- enjoy meaningful relationships with family, friends, and others in their lives
- develop vocational skills and maintain dignified employment

Overview of Services

- Residential Services
 - Community based residential services became a reality due to the abuse and neglect found in the Willowbrook state facility in the 1970's. These actions led to the relocation of individuals into community residences. Any individual in the Willowbrook system at that time or earlier are referred to as a "Class Client." Every "Class Client" is assigned a state caseworker, which is responsible to oversee their care and meet with them monthly. Any individual with no correspondent is assigned a CAB (Community Advisory Board) representative.
 - Bais Ezra provides two types of residences:
 - 1) ICF (Intermediate Care Facility)
 - 2) IRA (Individual Residential Alternative)
 - a) Supervised IRA – 24 hours.
 - b) Supportive IRA – not 24 hours.
- Community Services
 - Day Habilitation (Day Hab)
 - 1) Day program where participants work on a variety of skills that assist them to develop meaningful relationships, increase their self-esteem, and/or develop vocational and recreational skills in order to maximize their independence and have them become a productive participant of their community.
 - Employment Programs
 - 1) Prevocational Services (Pre-Voc) – Provides job readiness training and a personalized vocational plan to assist in obtaining and succeeding at meaningful employment.
 - 2) Supported Employment (SEMP) – Job coaches support persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities with on-the-job coaching and a skill-building to maintain and enhance gainful employment opportunities.
 - Medicaid Waiver
 - 1) Community Habilitation (Comm Hab) – Trained employees provide services in the home, assisting the developmentally disabled

individual in working on goals and developing skills in activities of daily living, such as personal grooming, food preparation, social skills, or any skills in which the individual needs improvement.

- 2) Respite – Providing one-on-one temporary respite to caregivers of children and adults with I/DD in the family home or community.
- 3) Environmental Modifications – Providing modifications to the home environment to increase the independence of the developmentally disabled individual.

➤ Family Support

- 1) Complex Medical – Case management, in-home respite, nursing care, special equipment, home attendants, and physical, occupational, and speech therapy for families whose developmentally disabled member has additional medical difficulties.
- 2) Respite – In-home respite services provided one-on-one by trained personnel.

Through the range of services provided to children and adults diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Ohel is able to achieve its objective of supporting the people who choose to participate in programs to live the lives they want to live and achieve their personal desired outcomes, including improving skills of daily living, forming deep friendships, building strong families, fostering meaningful relationships, and maintaining dignified employment.