

# CHANGING THE OUTCOMES FOR NEURODIVERSE ADULTS

Committed to delivering quality, sustainable solutions for the educational, vocational, social, and residential challenges facing the Neurodiverse Community.

## THE BUSINESS CASE

High rates of social isolation



Struggle with independence, vast majority remain in family home

7X more likely to die from suicide than neurotypical individuals



Vulnerable to abuse or others intending to take advantage of them

- Texas ranks 49th out of 50 states in terms of special needs support.
- The waitlist for Medicaid Waiver services is often 10-20 years.
- Lifetime costs for caring for an individual with autism are estimated at anywhere from \$2-\$5M.
- Few quality options exist in Texas, and costs can be very high.
- The state spends ~\$1,000/person/day providing support in State Supported Living Centers with mixed results; a new approach is needed and can be fiscally responsible.

## AUTISM FOCUSED DESIGN



Programs intentionally created and designed for the specialized needs of the Autism Community using research-based strategies derived from behavioral principles.

## A CULTURE OF CARING



Empathy, compassion and concern for the well-being of neurodiverse individuals are prioritized and ingrained in the values, norms, and practices.

## COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT



Wide-range of service offerings that are designed to grow the individual to their highest level of independence and support them for sustained success.

## A BOLD SOLUTION

Project Beacon will be a place where neurodiverse adults can thrive and become vital and visible members of the community.

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS



Innovative programs focused on learning, recreation, and skill acquisition leveraging cutting-edge technology and other creative forms of engagement to enhance the overall education and experiential process.

## CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY



Creating partnerships to enhance and drive advancement in programs and provide opportunities for engagement in the community.

## STRATEGIC ROAD MAP

Our plan involves developing an integrated service offering each year, designed to support the individual in achieving their highest level of appropriate independence.

### 1 SOCIAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

To form pathways for friendship and social skill development.

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### 3 VOCATION TRAINING & PROGRAMS

To learn skills needed for successful employment or participation in a vocation program.

### ★ INDIVIDUALIZED DAY PROGRAMS

To teach skills needed to be appropriately independent.

### 4 TRANSITION ACADEMY

Highly structured and supported program that gives students the opportunity to learn crucial living and work skills before transitioning to a more independent living option.

### 5 RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

Where adults with autism and other neurodiversities can live in a supported, caring, inclusive environment where can build a vibrant life full of purpose and meaning.

## OUR MISSION

Build a community of belonging where adults with Autism and other neurodiversities can play, learn, work, and live.



## OUR VISION

Building Safe Homes and Vibrant Futures for Neurodiverse Adults

## AUTISM BY THE NUMBERS

More than **50,000** adults with cognitive disabilities reside in North Harris & Montgomery Counties...



Enough to fill the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion 3X

**38%** of those with Autism will also have an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability



Over 25 years, the rates of Autism have increased from **1:250** to **1:36**

Approximately **85%**



Neurodiverse Individuals are unemployed or under-employed

**50-60%** of individuals with Autism



Display challenging behavior, requiring treatment.

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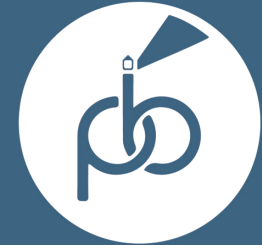
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A feeling of belonging is powerful...  
it enables us, emboldens us,  
and empowers us to be  
**everything we can be.**



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