



 **SEARCH INC.**
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Search, Inc. is a non-profit organization that empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential, accept a valued role in their community and lead rich, rewarding lives.

We provide high-quality, person-centered services including supported living arrangements,

adult learning programs and career services, as well as medical, behavioral, therapeutic and home-based services. Our programs serve more than 600 people and their families annually at locations throughout the Chicagoland area.

“I am honored to be part of the Search family. Search staff members have made it easier for me to think of my disability as an asset rather than a challenge.”

**– Sarah, Business Assistant
at jjsl.com**

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SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

Search's Supported Living Program currently operates 30 community-based living arrangements in Chicago, North Suburban Cook and East Lake Counties. Services take place in a variety of residential settings - from the family home to small, group living arrangements to semi-independent living. Individuals receive services in the setting and community of their choice. Personalized supports include comprehensive healthcare and behavioral health services.

At Search we believe that each person served by our Supported Living Program deserves a beautiful, safe and accessible place to call home. All of our living arrangements are designed and personalized based on the specific needs and preferences of the individuals who reside in them. Homes are spacious and inviting with open floor plans that provide ample public and private space. They are carefully organized to facilitate maximum independence, impeccably maintained and well integrated into the communities and neighborhoods in which they are located.

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CURRENT RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Community Integrated Living Arrangements
- Shared Living Arrangements
- Independent Living Services (intermittent services)

ADULT LEARNING

Search Adult Learning services are provided at four program locations, in Chicago, Evanston, Mt. Prospect and Waukegan. Over 400 individuals attend daily. More like continuing education than traditional developmental training, Adult Learning services are curriculum based and community inclusive. Search's one-of-a-kind **Glidepath Curriculum** offers a rich combination of subject areas and experiences designed to appeal to a broad range of interests. Curriculum topics include creative arts, health and wellness, personal development, sensory integration, work skills, internet literacy and skills for life. Opportunities for community integration are built into the curriculum and connect community excursions back to classroom instruction.

Daily schedules are built on the interests, abilities and preferences of each participant, with new curriculum topics and activities introduced every 12 weeks. State of the art computer labs, WIFI access and the availability of iPads provide participants with new tools for enhanced learning. Specialized services are available for individuals with autism, sensory defensiveness and communication challenges. These services focus on personalized sensory diets, providing the sensory input individuals need to stay focused and organized throughout the day.

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SERVICE FACILITATION

Search's Service Facilitation program connects individuals and families with home-based funding to a variety of community-based resources and opportunities. Service facilitators work closely with each individual and his or her family to create a plan that reflects their desired goals, preferences and needs. By choosing Search, individuals have access to a growing referral network of quality disability, medical, social, behavioral and educational services.



VISIBILITY ARTS

Visibility Arts is a comprehensive visual arts program that offers a combination of group learning experiences and hands-on studio time. Classes take place in a 7,000 square foot space with fully equipped studio facilities and a spacious gallery for exhibitions. Individuals in the program enjoy opportunities to show and sell their work in a variety of public venues throughout the year.



NO BOUNDARIES

Located in Evanston, No Boundaries is a tuition-based program designed to help individuals with disabilities build workplace skills, obtain competitive employment, achieve personal and career goals and participate more fully in their communities. Our unique approach integrates on-land (in-person) and on-line (internet) skills building.



CAREER SERVICES

Career Services are woven throughout Search's Adult Learning and No Boundaries programs. Options range from competitive community-based employment to a variety of train-to-work experiences offered through Search's social enterprises. Individualized job development, placement and post-hire follow-up supports are provided by an experienced team of employment specialists. Customized services include support with creating resumes, practicing job interviews and completing job applications.

Train-to-work programs provide individuals with competency based job training in a real workplace setting. Individuals develop readily transferable employment skills while gaining paid work experience. A majority of this work is generated through Search's Planet Access Company, a third-party logistics provider and warehouse. Job duties include product assembly, order processing and materials handling.

"I got a new job at Home Depot. My job coach went with me and I got to talk about what I am good at. I told them I was reliable, trustworthy, dependable and punctual."

– Jenni, Search consumer

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SEARCH'S MENU OF CAREER SERVICES INCLUDES:

- Community Employment Services
- Individualized Placement and Support Services (IPS)
- Planet Access Company Jobs: Train-to-Work
- Planet Access Company Jobs: Transition Program (12-week curriculum for high school students)
- Internships at Social Enterprises

COMMUNITY LIFE

Empowering the individuals we serve to participate fully in their community is a core value at Search and the cornerstone of an active, fun and socially connected life.

Search's commitment in this area is best illustrated by **Search for Adventure**, our unique travel program that offers vacation experiences to destinations near and far.

The big idea here is that people with disabilities should have the same opportunities to travel and go on vacation as the rest of us.

Search for Adventure steps up by giving people with disabilities experiences and adventures of a lifetime. Getaways have included hiking the historic Appalachian Trail, experiencing the majesty of the Grand Canyon and riding the range at the Powderhorn Dude Ranch in Colorado.

“In Santa Barbara I dipped my feet in the water, in the ocean water. I’ve never been in the ocean water in my life. I just did it to see how it felt. It felt good. That night I slept well.”

– Sean, Search consumer

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CLINICAL SERVICES

Search's Clinical Services program offers a wide range of comprehensive, quality medical and mental health services and specialty care.

Search's on-site clinics in Chicago and Mt. Prospect provide a one stop shop for accessing medical, counseling and behavioral health services. Highly experienced staff assist individuals with scheduling appointments, arranging transportation and lending support during medical visits.

Behavioral health is a very important part of a person's overall health and sense of wellness. In addition to individual and group counseling, specialized therapies include art therapy, pet therapy, horticulture therapy, dance, yoga, music and psychodrama. Sensory based therapy groups benefit individuals with autism and sensory defensiveness. Services are provided by licensed therapists who specialize in working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A variety of assistive communication supports are available, including the use of sign language, picture boards and iPads.

Search's Clinical Services program coordinates more than 13,000 medical and counseling appointments annually.



MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Primary care
- Women's health services
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Podiatry
- Vision
- Neurology
- Psychiatry
- Dietary
- Dental
- Individual and Group Counseling

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

The social enterprises of Search provide valuable educational and employment experiences for people with disabilities.



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jjslist.com helps businesses incorporate disability-aware best practices while also providing meaningful career paths in communications, technology and digital marketing to people with disabilities. Businesses use jjslist.com to promote their brands to more than 30,000 monthly viewers. In addition, a growing disability marketplace uses jjslist.com for self-advocacy by posting reviews of businesses' services and products.



Planet Access Company Store

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Planet Access Co. Store is a retail clothing and apparel store located in the Lincoln Square neighborhood of Chicago. The store features the highest quality products from socially responsible brands, such as Horny Toad, Nau, Sorel and Matt & Nat. Planet Access Co. Store provides a train-to-work program for people with disabilities who are interested in gaining work experience in the retail field.

ALL PROFITS FROM SEARCH'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISES ARE INVESTED BACK INTO ITS DIRECT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.



Planet Access Company

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Planet Access Company is a third-party logistics provider that offers state of the art warehousing, inventory management, special handling, and packaging services. The company is committed to furthering the mission of Search by providing paid, train-to-work employment opportunities. Each year, Planet Access Company generates over 9,000 hours of paid work for individuals with disabilities.



Glidepath Curriculum

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Glidepath Curriculum offers meaningful, structured programming to meet the needs and preferences of individuals with a wide range of developmental disabilities, from mild to profound. The curriculum library is comprised of over 140 modules. Each module contains twelve 45-minute sessions (nine hours of total content). Topics covered include creative arts, health and wellness, personal development, sensory integration, work skills and skills for life.



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