

Questions for Adult Service Site Visits

Here are a few tips of things to think about when you visit:

- **Funding** – check to see if they are Medicaid, Home-based money or private pay
- **Location** – start searching by looking for programs close to your child's home or work
- **Transportation** – ask if they provide transportation
- **Years of service** – find out how long they have been open and what are their future plans (expansion, moving location, etc.)
- **Seniority of staff** – find out how long their most senior staff members have been in the field
- **Community experiences** – do they take their clients into the community and if so, how often and for how long each time
- **Staff-to-client ratio** – most are from 1-to-4 to 1-to-8, but some provide more Supports

Additional questions to ask providers of daytime programs:

- What is the type of program; i.e., work activities, social skills, leisure activities?
 - Are their afterschool activities (ie. Social outings)? Additional costs?
- What are the hours of operation each day?
 - Can a consumer work part time?
- What is the security of the facility?
 - o How do you accommodate visitors
 - o Confidentiality of files?
- How many days a year is the program closed?
- What is the age range of the participants?
 - o Will participants be grouped by age?
- What is the ability range of participants?
 - o Will participants be grouped by ability level?
- What are the entrance/eligibility requirements?
- Are there costs to the individual or how is the program paid for?
 - What types of payment are accepted?
 - o Private pay, Medicaid, Home-based Money
- What are the program goals for the participants?
- What is the average length of stay for the participants?
- Do participants often move to other types of programs after a period of time?
- What is the participant-to-staff ratio?
- What are the expectations of the program in regard to parents?
- Is there a waiting list?
 - If so, how long?
- What is the application process?
- Are there residential options?
 - How far are CILAS from site?
 - How is it staffed?
 - What support is given to consumers?
 - What would my son/daughter be expected to do (chores, budgeting, etc)
- What types of transportation is available?
 - PACE/RTA, private, parental responsibility
 - Cost?
- Meals
 - Accommodations for dietary restrictions
 - Types of meals? Is there a meal plan provided?
- Support Staff?
 - Speech Therapist, OT, PT, Behavior Analyst, Art Therapist, Social Worker, etc.
- How do you deal with behaviors?
 - Personal space for alone time, behavior plans, etc.?

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