

Overview

LifeStream, Inc. was founded in 1976 by a group of concerned parents seeking better care for their adult children with developmental disabilities.

LifeStream has grown to become one of the premier non-profit human service organizations in southeastern Massachusetts. Despite our growth, we are still committed to the early vision of those parents who fought so hard to enrich the lives of their children.

Our core services include:

- Community residences for those needing 24-hour supervision and a greater degree of support
- Services for those living on their own but requiring individualized support to maintain their independence
- Residential options for individuals who cannot safely live alone and want the comfort of a home environment
- Supported Employment/Community-Based Supports providing therapeutic, educational and employment supports for adults with disabilities
- Employment & Training programs to assist economically disadvantaged people find and maintain career employment
- Autism Services for children between 3 and 22 years of age
- Services for those with Acquired Brain Injury and Trumatic Brain Injury
- Clinical Services to optimize the health and well-being of the individuals we serve, including medical, psychological, physical, occupational and speech therapy

Funding

We are fortunate to receive support from numerous state and local agencies, including:

- MA Department of Developmental Services
- MA Rehabilitation Commission
- MA Department of Medical Assistance
- MA Department of Transitional Assistance
- MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Service fees
- Private donations

Mission Statement

LifeStream, Inc. provides community-based services throughout Southeastern Massachusetts that promote personal dignity, independence, and the removal of barriers through the provision of individualized support and education.

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Creating Opportunities for Success





LifeStream Programs and Services Residential Services

With more than 30 group residences across southeastern Massachusetts, LifeStream is one of the region's largest providers of residential services to individuals with disabilities. Each residence is staffed 24/7, with nurse managers and directors always on call. Residences for those with greater needs are also staffed by a team of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Certified Nursing Aides (CNAs). Additional medical, psychological, and therapeutic resources are available through our Clinical Services department.

Day Support Services

Day Habilitation – Each of our three centers provides individualized medical, therapeutic, and developmental services to meet the needs of those requiring enhanced assistance and support while also fostering personal independence.

Supported Employment – This community-based program helps adults with disabilities find and maintain employment at area businesses. The program offers vocational assessment, job readiness, and work skills training.



Clinical Services – These are offered to all individuals utilizing our residential, day support and individual support services and include: medical, psychological, physical, occupational, and speech therapy.



Community & Family Support

Individual Support – Customized services to assist individuals living on their own or with family members include:

- Money management
- Assistance for parents and family members
- Medical assistance, including follow-up appointments, medical administration reminders, etc.
- Ongoing needs analysis to adapt to changing physical, cognitive, residential, and medical needs



Adult Family Care/Shared Living – These programs were developed to provide residential options for individuals who cannot safely live alone or have disabilities, but do not require the level of support of a group residence. Individuals move into the homes of eligible caregivers who provide daily care and the normal supports of everyday life. The Adult Family Care program has been expanded to include the relatives of caregivers who meet the necessary requirements.



Employment & Training

We offer a variety of programs and services to help both individuals and businesses, including:

Employer Services – We have a long tradition of successfully matching employers with qualified employees. LifeStream is the primary provider of the Department of Transitional Assistance's Comprehensive Integrated Employment Services (CIES) program in New Bedford, assisting welfare recipients in seeking employment as well as training them for the workplace.

Urban Youth Program – This program offers inner-city youths summer jobs and training in working with individuals with disabilities.

Job Training – We help clients gain the personal and professional skills needed to succeed on the job. We are licensed as a business school by the MA Department of Education and a regional training resource for state certification programs in a variety of health related fields, as well as other industries.

Learn More

To learn more about LifeStream, our programs and services, please visit us at www.lifestreaminc.com.

