



Helping people with developmental disabilities lead fuller lives

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We're in the business of independence.

At STARC, we're all about helping people with developmental disabilities reach their potential as independent, contributing members of our community. We do that in lots of ways, from providing therapeutic treatment to day care to job training. We've helped thousands of people since we started in 1972.

While we've grown over the years, our services still involve individuals reaching out to individuals to connect with the ability that lies behind the disability. You could say that we're in the business of building independence, day by day and step by step.

Programs for all Ages

STARC programs and services help individuals lead meaningful, productive, fulfilling lives throughout their lives. From early intervention programs for developmentally delayed infants to elderly services for seniors, STARC provides services to people of all ages in St. Tammany, St. Helena, Livingston, Tangipahoa and Washington parishes. Our programs and services include:

Early intervention program offers services to eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays. The program provides special instruction, speech, occupational and physical therapy, support groups, family counseling, parent workshops and social work.

Children's daycare services at Noah's ARC in Mandeville. Noah's ARC cares for children aged six weeks to five years, integrating developmentally disadvantaged children with typical children. Services include early education, therapy and motor skills development.

Adult daycare services at the STARC Center in Slidell. At the Center, people with developmental disabilities can get full-time assistance during the day. Individuals are given training in daily living skills and also participate in a variety of activities, including recreational programs and vocational training.

Supported employment enables adults with disabilities to work in a regular job setting with the assistance of a job coach. The coach trains the individual in the skills necessary to perform the job and works with employers to assure that job requirements are met. Participating businesses include Burger King, Papa John's, TJ Maxx, JC Penney's, Winn Dixie, Sav-A-Center, Northshore Regional Medical Center, Southeast Hospital and St. Tammany Parish Government, among others.

Residential community homes allow individuals with disabilities to live in a supervised family-style environment with six to eight other residents. Support staff provides assistance to ensure residents' safety, health and well-being.

Waiver services are home and community based services that provide respite for caregivers of developmentally disabled individuals. Waiver services include assisting with hygiene, maintaining a safe environment, light housekeeping, food preparation, leisure skills and money management training.



Elderly services are non-medical services to senior citizens with physical or mental disabilities. Services include grocery shopping and prescription pick-up/delivery, personal care assistance and light housekeeping, as well as adult day care.

STARC Businesses Foster Self-Reliance

In addition to our other client services, STARC has several income-generating programs that make us less dependent on state and federal funding. Just as importantly, STARC businesses employ many of our clients with disabilities, giving deserving men and women the chance to be productive. Participants benefit from skills development as they earn a monthly paycheck.

STARC Commercial Linen Service is a complete rental and laundry facility that works with government agencies and private businesses throughout New Orleans, the Florida Parishes and southeastern Mississippi. Working in partnership with NISH (National Industries for the Severely Handicapped), we have competitive rates and first-class quality. Plus, the laundry provides something no other linen service can provide—opportunity. From bed and table linen to bar towels, chair back covers, aprons and floor mats, STARC Linen Service makes a real difference in our community. We also offer rental and delivery service to the general public.

STARC Cleaners is a retail dry cleaning and laundry in Slidell. After Hurricane Katrina destroyed the well-established Slidell Cleaners, the owners went to work for STARC to provide the same exceptional quality customers received from Slidell Cleaners. In addition to its retail location, STARC Cleaners offers free pick-up and delivery.

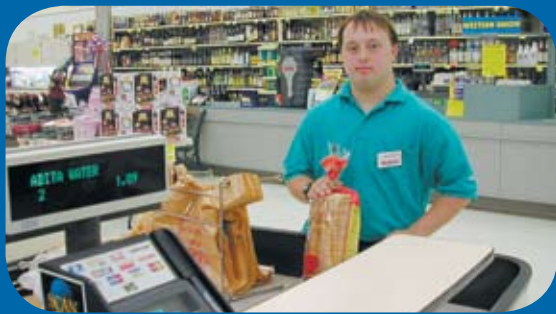
STARC Art is an enrichment program that gives individuals with disabilities a chance to earn money as they enjoy personal growth, self expression and a sense of pride and accomplishment. The artists who participate in STARC ART



explore their unique artistic talents in a variety of mediums. The completed works are matted, framed or otherwise displayed and sold at various outlets throughout the state. The artwork is also used to make note cards sold in the community.

Better Way Services is a program that provides vocational training for adults with disabilities. Activities include assembly work, collating and shredding on-site at sheltered workshops, as well as training of mobile crews that provide janitorial services and lawn maintenance in the community. Through Better Way, STARC handles a variety of contracts from flatware assembly to Mardi Gras bead sorting and sales to maintenance services at area parks and government facilities.





STARC Services and Supports

- Early intervention (birth – age 3)
- Day care (6 weeks – age 5)
- Residential community homes (age 16+)
- Transition work/training (age 16+)
- Adult work/training (age 16+)
- Supported employment (age 18+)
- Supported independent living (age 18+)
- New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) (all ages)
- Respite (all ages)
- Vocational and habilitation services (all ages)
- Personal care attendants
- Employment specialists and job coaches
- Competitive employment
- Information and referral
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Qualified mental retardation professionals (QMRPs)
- Speech therapy
- Counseling
- Support groups
- Social events
- Certified medication attendants
- Bonded and insured agency
- Medicaid vendor
- Certified Special Olympics coaches
- Licensed facilities
- Skilled professionals: CPR, first aid
- Behavior management
- Sheltered workshop
- Assessments
- Limited work/training transportation
- Adult day care
- Elder care – homemaker services
- Art classes



Get Involved

STARC is a private, non-profit association that has helped individuals with developmental disabilities lead fuller lives since 1972. The funding we receive from state and federal sources doesn't cover the cost of our programs fully, and our needs are constantly growing. You can help by becoming a STARC member or by supporting STARC businesses.

You can also help STARC defray expenses and continue to provide quality services by volunteering your time and talent in a number of areas:

- ★ Serving as a board member
- ★ Strategic planning
- ★ Transportation
- ★ Electrical, construction and maintenance projects
- ★ Legal/financial advice
- ★ One on one activities with special needs clients
- ★ Job coaches
- ★ Field trips and day program activities
- ★ Technology

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