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Accessibility Assessment

Lonoke Exceptional School, Inc. has two center locations. The Lonoke location consists of an administrative/preschool building, therapy building, adult services building with attached workshop, and greenhouse. The Cabot location consists of two buildings: One building for adult services and waiver and one building for preschool services. An ADA check-list was used to assess architectural accessibility. Management meeting time was used to assess other barriers to services. Lonoke buildings were built in 1991 and 1994. The therapy building was built in 2009. In Cabot, the preschool building was built in 2009. The adult building was remodeled in 2009. It had formerly housed the preschool.

We added a community living program and a resale shop to provide an additional revenue stream as well as job training for consumers. The community living program consists of 1 house and a duplex that were purchased. This will increase consumer accessibility for housing. Supported employment was also added as a service to improve employment accessibility.

This past year, accessibility was improved by adding a ramp to the Cabot preschool door for exiting the building in an evacuation. The entrance is accessible, but one of the exits had inadequate accessibility.

The items designated as Priority A will be addressed in the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Priority B will be addressed in the 2nd half of the year provided there is funding available. Priority C may be continued to the next year.

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Accessibility Assessment
(July-2014-2015)**

Barrier	Category	Priority	Cost/Funding Source	Solution	Person Responsible	Due Date	Date Complete
<u>Lonoke</u>							
Bathroom at resale shop has narrow doorway.	Architecture	C	Unknown- Approximately \$500-\$750.	When a permanent space is secured for store, consider accessibility of restrooms or the ability to modify. Widen doorway with permission of building owner if extended rental.	Rebecca Riley	9/30/15	
Duplex does not have accessible doorways to bathroom.	Architecture	B	\$0	Clients with mobility impairments that require wheelchair would not be considered as tenant. There are other accessible apartments in community.	Janie Sexton	6/30/15	
Consumers not always treated as customers. Families not always treated as customers.	Attitude	B	\$50	Continue training paired with Cultural Competency Training.	Amanda Stock	January, 2014	
Lack of residential options for individuals with disabilities. Usually a significant wait time for housing assistance.	Community Integration	B	Unknown at this time.	Secure grant funding in partnership with local Housing authority to build assisted living apartment complex.	Ex. Director and Director of Waiver	June, 2015	

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Awareness of Families to encourage outside employment for consumers vs. fear of losing government benefits.	Employment	A	\$100	Sponsor family meeting regarding benefits of outside employment and how it impacts benefits. Supported employment presentation.	Adult Services Team	October, 2014	

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Communication with families with hearing impairments.	Communication	A	\$75	Research current technology for a solution. Sign language class.	Wendi Bevill Patti Spradley	Dec, 2014	
Limited funding for specialized equipment for consumers that Medicaid does not cover.	Financial	B	Varies by equipment.	Continued fund-raising for equipment fund.	Director of Development Director of Adult Services	June, 2015	
None	Environment						
Limited employment opportunities due to rural community.	Employment	B	\$2,500	Begin supported employment program. Secure outside jobs. Develop internal jobs.	Director of Adult Development and Director of Waiver	May, 2015	
Community outings must be limited to less than 2 hours due to Medicaid not covering out of clinic outing at this time.	Community integration	A	Unknown	Participate in Medicaid transformation meetings. Scheduled outings in close proximity to center. Reverse integration by bringing community to center.	Executive Director Director of Adult Development	Dec., 2014	

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Cabot							
None	Architecture	N/A	N/A				
None	Environment	N/A	N/A				
Limited employment opportunities due to rural community.	Employment	B	\$2,500	Begin supported employment program. Secure outside jobs. Develop internal jobs.	Director of Adult Development and Director of Waiver	May, 2015	
Limited public transportation opportunities on weekends and for medical appointments for families.	Transportation	A	Unknown	Develop connections with agencies that may provide transportation for individuals	Case management	Dec. 2014	
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Insufficient funding and staff availability to serve children and adults with significant medical or behavioral issues.	Financial Employment	A	To be determined.	Pursue funding of Coop services. Make referrals as Waiver cooperative becomes viable. Develop partnership with infant mental health professional.	Ex. Director	Dec, 2014	
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