

Spiritual Support

As a Christian-based service provider, the spiritual nurture of people who choose services from Bethesda is at the heart of our mission. Bethesda is dedicated to improving the quality of spiritual-life experiences by promoting meaningful inclusion in homes and faith communities.

Faith Communities: A person's faith is a personal choice and Bethesda respects every person's individual decision. Many people who have disabilities often find it challenging to locate faith communities that are welcoming and fully accessible to them. Bethesda recognizes the power of a spiritual life and is eager to help people find faith communities that are welcoming and inclusive.

Personal Faith Practices: Spiritual-life profiles are an integral part of the development of person-centered plans. Bethesda works to ensure that people have the opportunity to worship and join in fellowship with faith communities of their choice. As they request, people are encouraged and supported to participate in Bible studies, daily devotions and prayers in their homes and faith communities.

Camp Ministries: Bethesda operates camp ministries designed especially for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Combining faith-filled and fun activities, campers are paired with volunteer companions who assist in creating a Bible-focused themed week of relaxation and renewal. Bethesda welcomes campers from around the country. We operate five camp ministries: Camp Matz, Watertown, Wis.; SonRise, Anderson, Ind.; Camp Bethesda, Tomball, Texas; Bethesda Mountain Builders, Woodland Park, Colo.; and Bethesda Forest Adventure, Cheshire, Ore.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities Kansas Service Areas

- Gardner
- Olathe
- Kansas City
- Shawnee
- Leawood
- Mission

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Mission

To enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ.



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We Enhance Lives

Bethesda Lutheran Communities has made a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than a century. We are a leading provider of person-centered, community-based, quality services. Our Christian mission and values permeate everything we do, creating a culture that treats all people with dignity and respect. Operating in 13 states, Bethesda works together with local businesses, civic organizations, schools and faith communities to offer fully inclusive places for people to live, work and worship. We provide a variety of person-centered opportunities for people who choose to receive supports from Bethesda, including residential, employment, community life and spiritual support options.

Person-centered Services

Bethesda incorporates the principles of person-centered supports to build customized services tailored to meet the specific needs and interests of each person. We assist the people we support in attaining their dreams to the fullest extent possible. We work with people and their families to identify and choose services that will guide important life decisions, including how to live and work more independently, how to become active in their communities, and how to find inclusive support in faith communities.

Case Management: Bethesda's professional case managers work directly with people receiving support, their families, guardians and other chosen providers to develop annual person-centered plans. These plans include specific goals that are important to each person. Each customized plan is designed to encourage the achievement of personal outcomes and help fulfill dreams. We are committed to working with every individual to help them reach their personal goals.

Residential Support

Bethesda offers residential options that maximize each person's physical, health, community and spiritual well-being. People receiving residential support from Bethesda are provided services in licensed homes or in their own homes. In addition, people choosing to receive residential support are encouraged to participate, to the fullest extent possible, in all the activities of maintaining their homes, while working with staff to develop their independent living skills.

Bethesda's team of qualified professionals work with each person to tailor supports and services that maximize choices for independent living and achievement of personal goals and dreams. Bethesda provides support for people in residential settings who are 18 years and older. We work with people of retirement age to modify their person-centered plans and provide support to help them achieve their retirement goals.

Supported Living: When less than 24-hours of support is requested, Bethesda offers a supported living option. Bethesda works with each person we support and their family to secure the most suitable home to meet individual needs and desires. Some people choose to live on their own, while others prefer to live with housemates. Honoring choice, Bethesda works with each person's circle of support to identify living options based on both personal support needs and individual



preferences. Supports and services may be hourly, daily, weekly or monthly depending on what a person needs to live successfully in the community.

Licensed Home: People who choose to live in a Bethesda-operated licensed home receive 24-hour support. Each Bethesda home supports between three and eight people and is fully accessible. Housemates function as a family unit, and each person can choose to be involved in small group activities. Individualized person-centered plans are used to select the supports and services desired by each person.

Intermediate Care Facility (ICF-DD): Comprehensive 24-hour services are offered in community residences that accommodate up to 15 people. These homes are designed to support medical needs that require specialized monitoring from nursing staff. Round-the-clock health care is combined with developmental habilitation and supportive personal care. Bethesda staff and qualified professionals, including social workers and dietitians, collaboratively work to respond to each person's needs and goals.

Residential supports include:

- Medication management
- Health maintenance
- Spiritual support
- Financial management
- Appointment arrangements
- Community engagement
- Supportive personal care
- Home maintenance
- Home safety
- Meal preparation
- Nursing oversight
- Transportation

Host Home: Bethesda works with host-home providers to offer the necessary supports individuals need to become active members of the community. Each person receiving this support option lives with a host family in their home. A comprehensive screening process and home study are conducted prior to contracting with the family. Bethesda assists the family with medical, psychological and social needs. Our qualified professionals offer guidance in coordinating activities that align with the recreation, work and personal care needs of each person.

Employment and Community Life

A respected community partner, Bethesda helps people explore, experience and engage their communities. With stronger ties to the community, people become more independent and begin to broaden their participation in social, educational, employment and volunteer activities.

Employment: Bethesda works with service providers and state-sponsored programs to connect people with opportunities to develop their skills and talents through a variety of employment options. Using a person-centered approach, Bethesda supports people in assessing their career interests, finding meaningful employment and assuring supports are in place for success. Employment supports may be provided in partnership with other service providers.

Employment supports include:

- Employment goals and career development
- Work skills assessment and development
- Job search and job coaching
- Self-employment development
- Transportation assistance
- Transition services coordinated with local school districts



Community Engagement: Being part of a community provides opportunities to expand cultural and social networks with neighbors, local businesses, faith communities and public services. Staff support, including transportation, is provided to help build community connections and engagement.

Community-engagement supports include:

- Public transportation
- Community services
- Education
- Volunteering
- Recreation
- Entertainment

Day Programs: Building personal and vocational skills is critical to personal development. Bethesda partners with service providers who offer creative ways to structure meaningful daily activities.

Day programs include:

- Personal and work-skills development
- Crafts, art, music
- Community activities
- Socialization-skills development
- Sensory/motor development
- Volunteer opportunities
- Supported group employment
- Subcontracted work