



OPPORTUNITIES

The REM Ohio Opportunities Vocational and Social Center is located at 2052 Romig Road, Akron, Ohio. The 6,100-foot center serves adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities, offering placement in either the Vocational or Social Curriculum.

The Opportunities Social Center offers a customized itinerary of both community and on-site education and recreation events. Each participant's unique interests, social networking skills, health and wellness objectives; in addition to community involvement interest is collected. From this information, many special interest groups and clubs are formed. Topics often include interests such as: cooking classes, music therapy groups, wellness and health sessions, computer learning clubs, and many more.

The Opportunities Vocational Center which is conveniently located at the shared address, offers a variety of education and work experience in small focus groups. The objective and goals are aligned to assist enrolled participants in acquiring needed vocational skills in the pursuit of community employment. In addition mobile work crews, commonly referred to as "The Crew", provide a real opportunity and paycheck money. These work crews complete a number of off-site jobs, which furthers their independence within the local community. Each week, participants invest time and effort to improve work-related skills via classroom instruction, demonstration opportunities, and other employment preparation focused activities.

Take A Picture Tour Of *The Center* Below!

Indoor Gardening Area



The indoor gardening area offers a nice alternative for those that enjoy nature but cannot be outside when the weather is not suitable to do so. The garden area provides a therapeutic feeling that everyone can enjoy. This area also features a gardening club that provides an educational experience for those that enjoy learning about flowers, plants and nature in general.

Arts and Crafts Area



The Arts and Crafts Area has a variety of art mediums available that each participant can work with and experience. This activity offers an opportunity for all participants to take part in self expression, develop fine motor skills and reduce stress.



Main Recreation Area



The Main Recreation Area is typically a busy section of the center with a lot of fun! Participants are usually seen engaging in social activities such as Nintendo Wii tournaments, watching movies or listening to music. There is a music club for those interested in learning more about basic rhythms, singing, and different types of instruments. A music therapist visits several times a week to provide a fun and educational class for everyone.

Cafe Area



The Café Area offers a separate room where participants can engage in friendly conversation and social interaction with friends. They can also enjoy the warm and colorful mural as it is a relaxing focal point of the room. This area is also useful to those that would like a quiet setting while eating their lunch.

Sensory Exploration Area

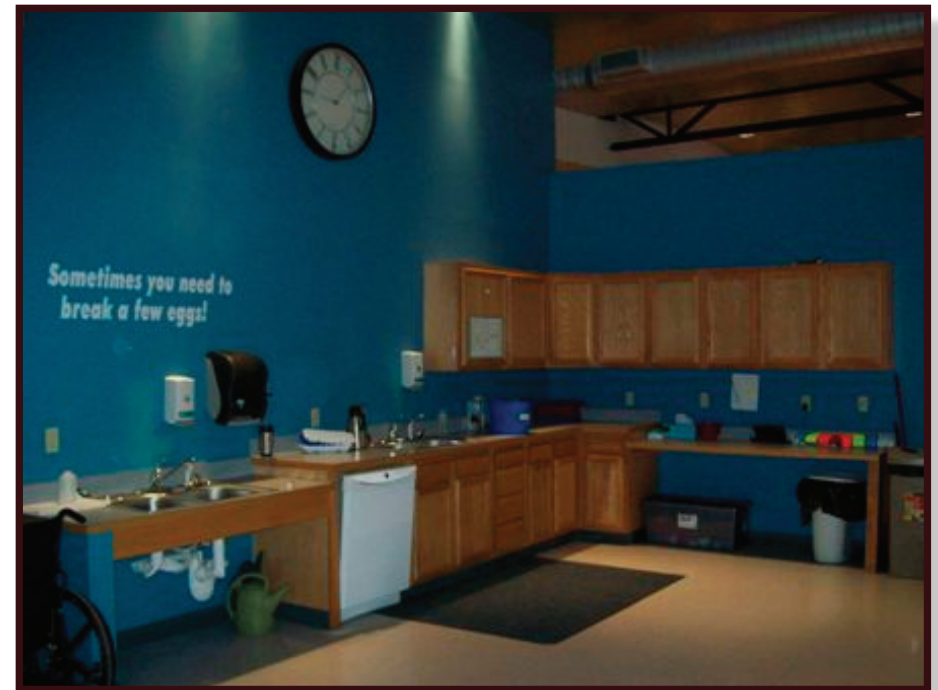


The Sensory and Exploration Area gives participants the opportunity to explore and develop senses and skills in a unique and controlled environment. For some, this is a place to relax and develop their play and learning skills through touch, sound and light. The interactive equipment can provide dramatic changes to the sensory room environment using sound and lighting.

Kitchen Area



In the Kitchen Area, participants are exposed to recipes and basic cooking methods. A cooking club is offered to those that want to expand their knowledge and have more one-on-one time with staff. Participants have fun learning new recipes and develop life long skills they can apply at home.



Computer Learning Lab

The computer learning lab offers a learning and educational experience for all participants. Those interested in initially learning or furthering their knowledge of basic computer skills, social media and email and are encouraged to be a part of this specific curriculum.



Conference Room



The conference room allows for private meetings to be held on-site with participants and their guardians. The conference room can also be used for educational purposes should a participant request a quiet space to accomplish a project. A one-on-one learning session can be held with staff should the need arise.

Restroom Facilities



The Restroom Facilities located at this center are spacious and functional. Amenities include a large, open shower with chair and a multi-functional hospital bed. In addition, there is an on-site laundry facility that can be utilized as needed.

Vocational Work Area - “The Crew”



Work crews, commonly referred to as “The Crew”, provide adults with developmental disabilities a real employment opportunity and paycheck. Activities at the Vocational Opportunities Center, which is conveniently located at the shared address, focus on assisting individuals to acquire the skills needed to pursue work-related goals including:

- On-site car washing/detailing facility
- Supervised off-site lawn care, cleaning and janitorial work crews
- On-going classroom instruction for improving work related skills, role-playing and other focused activities.
- Assistance in basic small business planning, pricing, promoting and selling strategies



Car Washing and Detailing Team

The Crew Car Washing and Detailing Team provide a regular hands-on vehicle washes to customers within their community. With the assistance of job coaches, exterior and interior vehicle cleaning services are completed on-site.

Program participants of *The Crew* are responsible to complete vehicle hand wash, towel dry, vacuum and dashboard cleaning.





Lawn Maintenance Team

The Crew provides quality lawn care and landscaping maintenance services for all types of residential and commercial properties in the Akron area. *The Crew* is equipped to ensure that all properties are well-cared for throughout spring, summer and fall. With the assistance of job coaches, member of *The Crew* gain knowledge of proper lawn care. These skills include:

- Lawn Mowing
- Sidewalk & Driveway Edging
- Spring & Fall Clean-Up
- Flower Bed Weeding & Mulching
- Valuable Customer Service Skills





Cleaning and Janitorial Team

The Crew Cleaning and Janitorial Team provide affordable, hi-quality cleaning programs to meet the unique needs, size, and budget of local businesses and residences. With the assistance of Job Coaches, members of the The Crew gain experience and knowledge in the following cleaning and janitorial services:

Cleaning Services:

- Vacuuming
- Carpet cleaning (with spot removal)
- Dusting
- Hard-surface floor care
- Trash Removal
- Upholstery cleaning
- Cleaning Windows

Janitorial Services:

- Cleaning, sanitizing and restocking in restrooms
- Detailed cleaning of high-use areas
- Carpet vacuuming, deep cleaning and stain removal
- Caring for hard-surface floors
- Window washing



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