

# YOUTH Services

The Whole Person's Youth Services provide services that meet the transitional, educational, and social needs of youth with disabilities. Their goal and ours is to help youth with disabilities learn the independent living skills needed to make a successful transition into adulthood.



## Our current program features the following:

- DIY Life Skills Class  
An 8-week course for youth 18-24 years old, offered four times per year. Youth will learn to advocate for themselves, how to budget, how to cook, how to do laundry and self care.
- High School Youth Transition to Independence Program  
An 8-12 week high school course that provides students with skills and resources necessary to have for transitioning from high school into adulthood.
- The Whole Family Project  
Individualized instruction in sign language for infants and children up to 12 years. The Whole Family Program seeks to increase the ability of families to communicate with their children who are deaf or nonverbal while increasing their knowledge and understanding of deafness, the deaf community and other available options for their children.

**If you are a youth, parent of a youth with a disability, or caregiver,  
call 816-561-0304**

**For more information on Youth Services, visit our website at  
[www.thewholeperson.org](http://www.thewholeperson.org)**

## Mission Statement

The Whole Person connects people with disabilities to the resources they need by supporting independent choice and advocating for positive change in the community.

## Vision Statement

The Whole Person envisions a fully accessible community where opportunities and choices are not limited by disability.

## Core Values

The core values will influence how we interact with each other, guide how we go about our work and fulfill our mission.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Committed
- Collaboration

## Who We Serve

- People with disabilities
- Parents, spouses, siblings and significant others of people with disabilities
- Schools
- Businesses
- Local government agencies
- Volunteer organizations
- Hospitals, health organizations and the medical community
- Civic organizations
- Churches/religious organizations
- Veterans
- Any individual or organization seeking assistance

## Programs

- Independent Living Services
- Personal Assistant Services
- Employment Services
- Individual and Systems Advocacy
- The Whole Family Project
- Transition Services
- Telecommunications Access Program (TAP)

## Support Groups

Through peer groups there is a full exchange of brainstorming, problem solving, and sharing of concerns, successes, and ways to address issues. Peer groups meet 1-2 times a month. Visit our website for more information about each of these groups, meeting dates, locations and contact information for each facilitator.

## Community Outreach

The Whole Person provides education on disability etiquette, including reasonable accommodations and accepted social interaction, as well as why disability awareness is important. Visit our website to arrange a presentation for your company or organization.

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