



3LPlace: Learning, Living, and Linking Adults
with Autism and other Developmental Disabilities

Living with Autism in Adulthood

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3LPlace mission

Build a community for adults with autism and other disabilities that will enable them to lead healthy and connected lives in the metro Boston area while relieving families and caregivers of isolation and worry.



How we are different

- ◆ Metro-Boston urban location—accessible to our service population and providers
- ◆ Our focus: leading a full life in a community of peers and supportive families
- ◆ Advisory Board and consultant affiliation with autism and disability experts
 - internships/field work for local grad students
- ◆ Systematic, well designed curriculum that we hope will define best practices



3LPlace Strategies

Learning

Living

Linking

“junior
college”

lifespan
community

Online wiki



3LPlace as “junior college”

- ◆ College-like living and learning experience
- ◆ Serving young adults ages 22+
- ◆ Autism and other disabilities
- ◆ Residential, on-campus
- ◆ 11 month, 7 day, 2 – 3 year program
- ◆ Person-centered, comprehensive new curriculum for independent living
- ◆ Tuition-based



3LPlace as lifespan community

- ◆ Ongoing support throughout the lifespan for:
 - Independent living
 - Employment/vocational or day program coaching
 - Social and leisure time
 - Health and personal care assistance, as needed
- ◆ Community center hub for social and recreation programs
- ◆ Contract based, a la carte, fee for service
- ◆ Partner with families to enable full life



3LPlace as wiki

- ◆ Free sharing of curriculum content
- ◆ Online collaboration for adding to and implementing curriculum content
- ◆ Goal of defining best practices curriculum for “full life” skills
- ◆ Training for providers
- ◆ Tools and apps development



Current status

- ◆ Non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity
- ◆ \$300K raised from grants and individuals
- ◆ Expert team writing curriculum for the junior college program
- ◆ 20,000 sq. ft. building identified near Tufts University
- ◆ Taking applications for September 2013; up to 6 students



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