



2013—2014 Annual Report





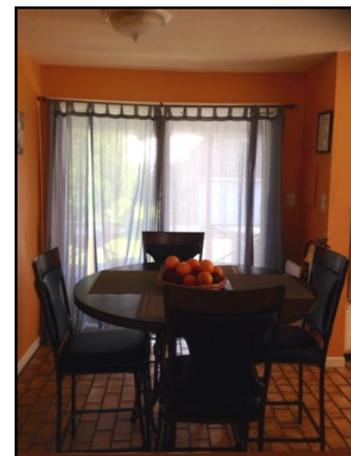
Families. Support. Empowerment.

These are just a few of the words that describe what Oak-Leyden Developmental Services is all about. Our **dedicated** staff of professionals support children and adults by providing services that **build their skills and enrich their lives**. Our financial partners help us accomplish this every day by bridging the gap between state, federal, and insurance funding so program participants aren't left without services.



Our 2014 fiscal year was filled with accomplishments and growth. The Oak Park Lifelong Learning Center was re-opened following an extensive renovation. And, relocating from our previous center in an industrialized area, we opened a new Elmwood Park Lifelong Learning Center. Now located across the street from the Elmwood Park Recreation Center and local library, this new facility enabled us to provide a more **modern, clean, and accessible** environment in the heart of the community.

Oak-Leyden has 12 group homes throughout Oak Park and its neighboring suburbs. At the end of the fiscal year, all of our Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes were full. These program participants also receive coordinated medical care and behavioral and psychiatric services through our Multidisciplinary Clinic. These programs help adults with disabilities learn the skills they need to live as **independently** as possible. At Oak-Leyden, we emphasize developing satisfying lifestyles, and we have **fun** while learning those necessary life skills.



This past year, our Children’s Services program has also seen program enhancements, made possible through our community partnerships. In the spring, our outdoor therapeutic play space opened. Providing an outdoor play space for children in the program offers an opportunity to explore the world through all senses. Gross motor play involves opportunities to use the large muscle groups. Neighborhood and community parks allow these skills to be reinforced, however, parents of children with a disability or delay are often apprehensive about taking their children to a community park. Our on-site play space is a safe environment where children **can practice skills and build confidence** they can use at a neighborhood park. We were able to accomplish this through the overwhelming generosity of the 700 Bonnie Brae Annual Charity 9/11 LemonAid Stand and grants from several other community organizations.



We owe our success to our **talented and dedicated** staff, and the adults and children we work with every day. However, we wouldn’t be able to continue our mission – *to help children and adults with developmental disabilities meet life’s challenges and reach their highest potential* – without the confidence and investment of our many partners. We thank you for your generous and vital support.

This report provides detailed information about our programs’ accomplishments this past fiscal year. Looking ahead, we will be developing a **new strategic plan** that will consider expanding and improving all of our services. We anticipate creating additional group homes, increasing the number of adults who receive developmental training and supported employment services, and adding another Children’s Services therapy group. We depend on our strong community partners and hope you will look ahead with us.

Tony Grant
2014 Fiscal Year Board President

Robert W. Atkinson
Oak-Leyden President & CEO



Dedicated. Enriching. Accomplished.

Dedicated

Oak-Leyden Developmental Services helps children and adults with developmental disabilities meet life's challenges and reach their highest potential. Founded in 1956 by concerned families who formed the Oak Community School in Oak Park, Illinois, the organization taught young adults with developmental disabilities the skills they needed to **live as independently as possible**.



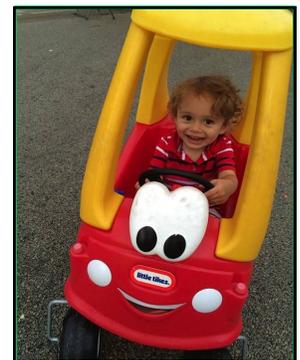
The Oak Community School evolved into Oak-Leyden and grew to include a wide range of vocational and residential services for adults, in addition to therapy, education, and family support for infants and young children with developmental disabilities.

Enriching

Oak-Leyden is committed to meeting seven core values:

- ⇒ Recognize the **dignity** of each individual.
- ⇒ Support **personal choices** whenever possible and safe.
- ⇒ Promote the **inclusion** of each individual served within the larger community.
- ⇒ Facilitate and encourage **family** involvement and participation in support of the individual served.
- ⇒ Strive to discover new and **innovative** programs to enhance the lives of people with disabilities.
- ⇒ Provide **individually-designed programs** that empower those we serve.
- ⇒ Use resources in a manner that provides the **maximum benefit** for individuals served.

Our outreach includes Berwyn, Broadview, Chicago, Cicero, Elmwood Park, Forest Park, Franklin Park, Hillside, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake, North Riverside, Oak Park, River Forest, River Grove, Westchester, and other near-west suburbs.



Accomplished

Oak-Leyden has provided far-reaching, quality programs and services to people with developmental disabilities for nearly 60 years. In our 2014 fiscal year, Oak-Leyden helped:

- 340 children and 222 adult participants with developmental disabilities meet life's challenges and **reach their highest potential.**
- 87 participants thrive through our Oak Park Lifelong Learning Center's **Developmental Training Program.**
- 52 residents **live independently** in 12 supervised homes through our Community Integrated Living Arrangements.
- 49 Developmental Training Program and 34 **Supported Employment Program** participants reach their goals through our Elmwood Park Lifelong Learning Center.



“Since 2001, we’ve had the opportunity to be part of the Oak-Leyden family. Throughout our experience, the staff has been nothing short of remarkable. As a result of various work opportunities and academic programs, we have seen an improvement in Ken’s overall behavior.”

~ Dolores Z., mother of a Lifelong Learning participant



Children's Services

Oak-Leyden's Children's Services Program facilitates a regular developmental pattern in children who demonstrate a delay in one or more areas of development. Services are provided in the **child's natural environment** through the use of everyday routines and activities.

We offer newborns to three-year-olds a multidisciplinary approach for Early Intervention, private-pay therapy services for children ages three to five, an innovative GoBabyGo program, developmental screenings, play groups, and community-based Music Together® classes.

Teamwork

Oak-Leyden helps children develop to their **fullest potential**. Each family of a developmentally delayed program participant is assigned one of our multidisciplinary teams, which may consist of a developmental therapist, a licensed clinical social worker, an occupational therapist, physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists. Each family's team works to provide their child with play-based therapy, promoting **social and educational stimulation**.



Family Focused

Parents of children with developmental delays and disabilities need support as they experience the demands associated with parenting. We provide parents with encouragement, training, and education specific to their child's needs, and facilitate the development of a **healthy family system**.



Making Music

Music Together is a research-based program that develops musical competence in young children. Children participate at their ability level, assuming that each child will reap their own personal rewards from their musical experiences. Newborns through kindergarteners of **all ability levels** can be enrolled in Oak-Leyden's Music Together classes, thereby providing an inclusive environment for children with developmental disabilities.

Teamwork. Focused. Music.

Children's Services' FY2014 Highlights:

- Provided one or more therapies for 340 children from 36 different communities, resulting in 10,920 contact hours of treatment.
- Hosted an additional 28 children in our Music Together classes.
- Continued services to 12 children over the age of three through private pay agreements.
- Added a licensed clinical social worker to the staff, allowing us to provide social work services to our families.
- Received \$31,000 in proceeds from the River Forest 700 Bonnie Brae LemonAid fundraiser, making our outdoor play space dream a reality.



- Entered discussions with the Oak Park/River Forest Kiwanis Club on funding to launch our innovative GoBabyGo therapy program.
- Achieved 100% compliance through the Early Intervention monitoring process.
- Reached a 31% survey return rate. Surveys revealed an overwhelming satisfaction from our families.

"Oak-Leyden's the greatest place ever. Their classes helped my daughter go from a nonverbal, non-walking, antisocial child into the running, talking, social child she is today. Thanks for everything you've done for our daughter, our family, and all the others you serve."

~ Shana O., mother of an Early Intervention participant



Lifelong Learning

Oak-Leyden's state-licensed day programs enrich the lives of adults with developmental disabilities through community activities, life skills training, and vocational training. Through our partnership with certified behavior analysts and our well-trained staff, Oak-Leyden is uniquely suited to build **individualized programs** that consider the holistic needs of our participants. Our Lifelong Learning approach develops skills through structured days, motivating curricula, health and wellness coaching, and relationship builders.

Growth and Development

Our program's adults receive training in daily living to improve their **social, leisure, communication, and vocational skills**. These skills help individuals with developmental disabilities become as independent as possible in their everyday lives. Our Developmental Training Program offers classes, clubs, outings, and volunteer activities from which participants can plan each day.

Success

Individuals with developmental disabilities can maximize their independence with community-based employment through Oak-Leyden's **Supported Employment Program (SEP)**. Our employment specialists work with area businesses to identify positions that fit with each participant's unique interests and talents and provide on-the-job training. Successful, gainful employment by our program's participants leads to greater financial independence, opportunities to obtain benefits, and personal autonomy that positively impacts their quality of life.



Growth. Development. Success.

Lifelong Learning FY2014 Highlights:

- Relocated to our rehabbed Elmwood Park and Oak Park Lifelong Learning Centers, enhancing our offerings through more modern, community-focused facilities.
- Achieved 100% on our DT survey, through the Department of Human Services.
- Experienced a low 8% day program staff turnover, in an industry which suffers from a 40-50% average annual turnover of its direct support professionals.
- Received an average satisfaction rating of 4.5 out of 5 from our day program participants and their families.
- Assisted 65% of our DT participants in meeting or exceeding their daily living skills goals.
- Reached an average of 2.7 outings per month for individuals in our day programs.
- Performed our services with no founded cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- Guided members of the Oak-Leyden Choir to develop poise and confidence through six performances in the community.



“When I toured Oak-Leyden, I immediately knew I wanted to enroll my sister there. The atmosphere was much different than other places I’d visited. It’s structured, classroom-style with a smaller teacher-to-client ratio. It’s very clean and organized, offers field trips, and the staff is committed to giving each client the personal attention and care they need. Communication between my family and the staff is excellent. I find it quite reassuring that we are all working together to meet Tina’s needs and concerns.”

~ Carm R., sister of a Lifelong Learning participant



Community Living Services

Through Oak-Leyden's Community Living Services Program, adults with developmental disabilities receive residential care, training in basic living skills, social and recreational opportunities, and access to healthcare providers. We provide a safe, stable, and comfortable environment for adults with developmental disabilities, augmented by services that **promote inclusion**, personal independence, and physical well-being.

Independence

Our Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) participants live in family-style homes that allow for twenty-four hour supervised attention to their individual needs. CILAs provide a path laden with developmental **stepping stones to independence** for each individual, participating in communities as their neighbors do. Residents contribute to the running of their homes by participating in daily activities such as cooking, cleaning, and maintaining their shared living spaces. They enjoy group activities including barbecues, family gatherings, and celebrations in their homes.



Access

Adults with developmental disabilities who live with family members, roommates, or independently are greatly benefitting from Oak-Leyden's assistance through our **Intermittent Community Integrated Living Arrangements (ICILA)**. Staff members periodically meet with individuals to help them build skills such as handling household chores, money management, and participation in community activities, to help them gain independence through daily living.



Closing the Gap

Oak-Leyden's Multidisciplinary Clinic is a direct response to one of the largest service gaps that currently exists for people with developmental disabilities: access to qualified healthcare professionals. We ensure participants receive **comprehensive health services** in an environment that respects their often complex physical and behavioral health needs.

Our **Multidisciplinary Clinic** uses a unique treatment strategy that links each clinician coordinating a participant's particular healthcare need to other providers caring for that individual, forming an integrated chain of communication that ensures accurate, timely, and appropriate attention.

Independence. Access. Closing the Gap.

Community Living Services' FY2014 Highlights:

- Accommodated five emergency placements of people who would have otherwise been homeless.
- Improved technologies to streamline our paperwork processing and give case managers a clearer, more integrated picture of each of client's progress and needs.
- Maintained a 1:4 staff-to-participant ratio.
- Contracted out with occupational, physical, and speech therapy providers, resulting in a greater breadth and depth of support and services.
- Continued offering clients Intermittent CILA services with plans to expand the program.
- Conducted group home tours with more than 20 students and staff from Leyden High School's special education program, exposing them to future community living options.



- Closed and sold one group home in Franklin Park, moving its residents to two larger, newer, accessible homes.
- Offered qualified, compassionate medical support through regular visits from a physician, psychiatrist, podiatrist, pharmacist, audiologist, and optometrist.

"We like our home because it's safe to live in. We have good people who understand us and the staff is really nice. We like going to the grocery store, listening to old-time music, art class, and media day."

~ CILA program residents at 317 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park



Community Support

Our deepest thanks to each of our donors, sponsors, employment partners, board members, staff, and volunteers. Your confidence, commitment, and investment ensures we achieve our mission and enriches the lives of our participants and their families. We can't do it without you!

Contributors' FY2014 Highlights:

26th Annual Benefit: We've Got Taste

- Attended by nearly 200 people, the event raised more than \$70,000 for our programs and services.
- The following acknowledgements were presented:
 - ◇ **President's Award** ~ Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, for hosting the Oak Park Day Program during 320 Chicago Avenue renovation
 - ◇ **Agency of the Year** ~ Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township
 - ◇ **Volunteer of the Year** ~ Alicia Plomin
 - ◇ **Mighty Oak** ~ Melissa Broz
 - ◇ **Community Youth Leadership** ~ Riley Edmunds and Madeline Strand, organizers of the 700 Bonnie Brae Annual Charity 9/11 LemonAid Event to benefit Oak-Leyden



14th Annual Candlelight Bowl to Benefit Oak-Leyden's Children's Services' Early Intervention Program

- Organized by Chris Guillen and Gena Crane with a Mardi Gras theme.
- Nearly 100 people braved a blizzard to participate in a "wacky bowl," dancing in the bowling lanes to the tune of \$7,000 raised.



Respect. Culture. Friendship.



LemonAid

- Organized by kids and parents on the 700 block of Bonnie Brae in River Forest.
- Raised \$31,000 for Early Intervention's outdoor play space.
- Funding was also received from 19th Century Charitable Association, Berwyn Township Community Mental Health 708 Board, and an anonymous foundation, to complete the space's construction.



Oak Park Farmers' Market Bake Sale

- A staff of 22 volunteers and eight baking families raised \$1,200.
- Board President Tony Grant earned an informal "exceptional salesmanship" award.



"Conor and Daniel have become a part of the Oak-Leyden family, and both of them love going to work every day. The acceptance the Oak-Leyden staff gives them has been life-changing for all of us. Individuals with autism often don't fit in and have no plans to fit in. At Oak-Leyden, they're accepted without question, and this makes life easier for the entire family. I thank God every day for the wonderful staff at Oak-Leyden."

~ Peggy V., mother of two Lifelong Learning participants



Giving and Growing

Oak-Leyden Developmental Services gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the many individuals who make our achievements possible. This list recognizes financial or in-kind contributions made from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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"I was overwhelmed when I was given our daughter's diagnosis. I can truly say that the staff at Oak-Leyden has given so much to my daughter and our family. Nora has come so far – I'm no longer scared. We are eternally grateful to Oak-Leyden!"

~ Janice R., mother of an Early Intervention participant



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~ Cathy T., mother of a Supported Employment Program participant



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"My favorite part of the program is the work opportunities, because I like to work with my hands and it helps me feel independent. I also like going on outings in the community, especially the library and museums. Being on the board of directors makes me feel like a better person because I can make decisions that affect my peers. I also like the staff...ALL the staff. They feel like family to me."

~ Missy B., an Oak-Leyden Board Member and a Lifelong Learning participant



Statement of Activities

July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

INCOME	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Government Grants	\$ 661,838	0	\$ 661,838
Program Service/Contract Revenues	\$ 4,578,584	0	\$ 4,578,584
Contributions & Other Income	\$ 510,265	\$ (22,202)	\$ 488,063
Total Income	\$ 5,750,687	\$ (22,202)	\$ 5,728,485

EXPENSES	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Program Services	\$ 4,481,243	0	\$ 4,481,243
General & Administrative Services	\$ 851,323	0	\$ 851,323
Fundraising	\$ 116,222	0	\$ 116,222
Total Expenses	\$ 5,448,788	0	\$ 5,448,788
Released from Restriction		\$ (22,202)	\$ (22,202)
Change in Net Assets	\$ 301,899	\$ (22,202)	\$ 279,697
Beginning Net Assets	\$ 2,556,846	\$ 42,755	\$ 2,599,601
Ending Net Assets	\$ 2,858,745	\$ 20,553	\$ 2,879,298





Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2014

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$ 1,377,391
Fixed Assets	\$ 4,506,715
Total Assets	\$ 5,884,106

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	\$ 973,177
Long Term Liabilities	\$ 2,031,631
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,004,808

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$ 2,858,745
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 20,553
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,879,298

TOTAL LIABILITIES

AND NET ASSETS	\$ 5,884,106
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“Emmy recently began speech and occupational therapy at Oak-Leyden. I feel like we’re finally on the right track after months of struggling to find the right support. Emmy loves her therapists and is excited to go to “school” – her playgroup at Oak-Leyden. As a parent, it’s such a comfort to be part of Oak-Leyden’s program.”

~ Joi C., mother of an Early Intervention participant



Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

Volunteer

Volunteering at Oak-Leyden is a rewarding experience that makes a real difference to our organization and the participants we serve. From one-day drop-ins to regular, scheduled visits, we appreciate everyone who shares **their interests and talents** with us.

- Tell stories, teach history, or read to our participants.
- Play music or teach a craft.
- Research, file, and help with administrative work.
- Offer exercise, cooking, or art instruction.
- We welcome your ideas!



Donations

Please consider supporting Oak-Leyden through our annual appeal, fundraisers, and various gift-giving opportunities. **Every donation makes a difference** in the lives of our participants and their families. Our financial contributors help bridge the gap between state, federal, and insurance funding, and enable us to continually improve the types and number of services we provide. From credit card points and employee match programs to real estate, charitable trust, and memorial funds, 80% of every monetary gift to Oak-Leyden goes directly to programs that enrich our participants' lives.

As an **Oak-Leyden Enrichment Partner**, you can enrich the lives of the children, adults, and families we serve. Through this program, your monthly donations – even a little at a time – really add up, providing strong, consistent support for our programs.



Giving. Sharing. Caring.

Items Wish List

We have a wide range of needs for our various programs. Our items wish list is updated throughout the year at www.oak-leyden.org with specific items in the following categories:



- Art and craft supplies
- Toys and musical instruments
- Housewares
- Linens and towels
- Home furnishings
- Toiletries
- Gift certificates
- Horticulture supplies
- Office supplies
- Electronics and games
- Exercise equipment

Affiliations and Memberships

Oak-Leyden appreciates the **support and recognition** we received in 2014 from the following organizations:

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)
The Association of Retarded Citizens (The Arc of Illinois)
Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
Franklin Park/Schiller Park Chamber of Commerce
Grand Corridor Chamber of Commerce
Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce
Oak Park/River Forest Chamber of Commerce

“This is our third visit to Oak-Leyden and I’m already seeing progress with Sammy. The therapists are terrific – they’re so loving with all the kids. I’m thankful for this class!”

~ Carla F., mother of an Early Intervention participant



**Helping children and adults with
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