



MISSION + NEED + VISION

The **mission** of the Curtis Center for Arts and Education is to create and nurture an environment of growth and learning for arts and education inclusive for all individuals with disabilities.

The **need** is to fill the absence of post-high school educational opportunities and assist parents and their children with adulthood direction.

The **vision** is to create an age-appropriate college like setting for adults with disabilities offering academic and artistic opportunities, providing outcomes we all value.



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LOCATION

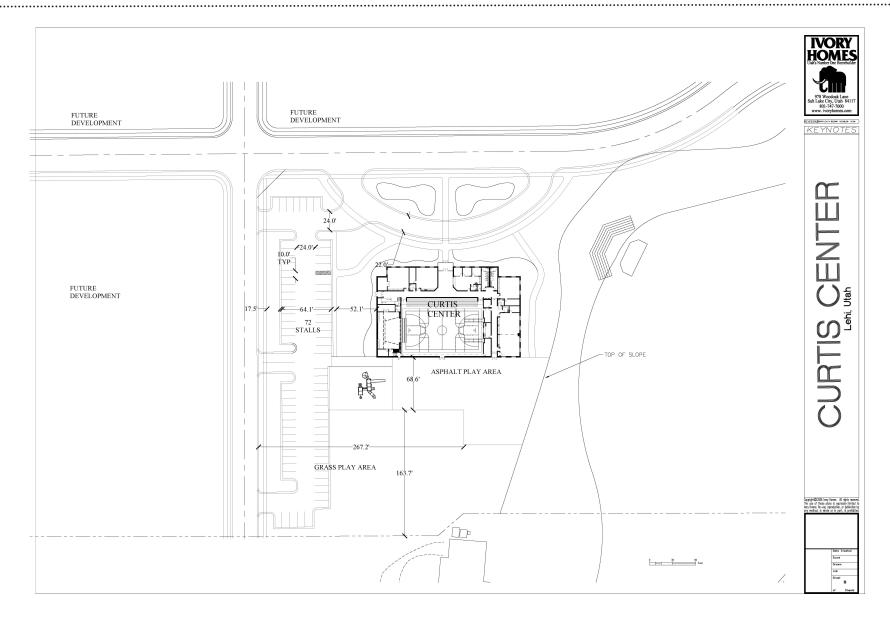
The Curtis Center for Arts and Education will be located on the south side of 2100 North in Lehi, Utah, just west of the Jordan River, offering a quick access for students coming from northern Utah County and southern Salt Lake County. This location is a thoroughfare directly off I-15 and Redwood Road, as well as being only 2 short miles from the UTA train station near Thanksgiving Point.

CAMPUS PROGRAM

The Curtis Center for Arts and Education will be a college campus unlike any other in the State of Utah offering unique programming for adults with disabilities. Students will have the opportunity for life-long learning, including reading, mathematics, science, painting, pottery, plant science, floral design, singing, dancing, drama, fitness, and vocational training.







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SITE PLAN



CAMPUS PLAN:

The campus will consist of a facility that will provide learning and growth - a home for educational and vocational pursuits, movement and play - home for athletic events, tournaments and personal fitness, and arts and gathering - a place for performance.







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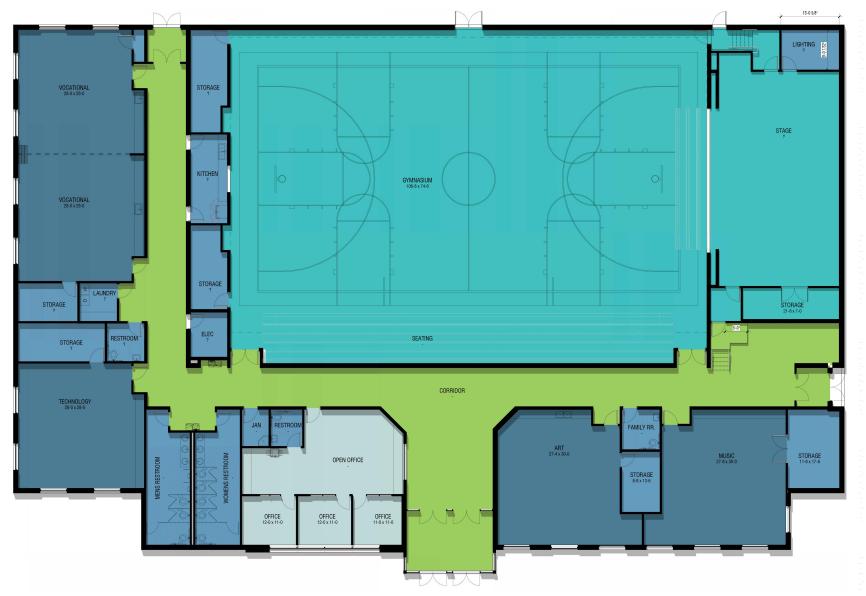
Sculpting, pottery, technology, photography, academics including sciences, social studies, mathematics, language arts, vocational training and social skills training will occur within the walls of this new facility.

MOVEMENT AND PLAY

Fitness, cardio, dance, personal physical improvement, individual and team athletic practices, tournaments allowing personal development and athletic opportunity.

ARTS AND GATHERING

The lobby will welcome all who enter with an interest in arts & gathering. Art shows, musical and theatrical performance, gathering and celebrating will take place in this beautiful facility.



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LEARNING & GROWTH - MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN





THE HIVES PROGRAM

CURRENT PROGRAMS



HIVEs Education Activity Program for Adults with Disabilities



HABILITATION INDEPENDENCE VOCATION EDUCATION SOCIALIZATION

HIVEs is a unique community-based educational activity program for adults with disabilities. The program allows participants a flexible schedule to incorporate academics, fitness, socialization and service learning. HIVEs allows participants to work out in their local fitness center, access a community college setting, continue lifelong educational learning, provide service to local seniors, and experience community-based outings to familiarize them with their community and prepare for athletic team and individual sporting events.

Tuition is affordable and schedules allow attendees to participate as much or as little as they would like. Participants develop and foster friendships, learn and incorporate social skills, engage in daily activity, and practice and experience independence.

Transportation is provided, allowing true independence for individuals within the programs.

HIVEs provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to function in their local community with surety and pride.



CURRENT PROGRAMS







JFK Works



As we grow into adulthood, we all strive to find the perfect occupation. Those with disabilities are compelled with those same ambitions to have "a job." Rising each morning with a purpose that is rewarded. JFK Works was created to provide skills and training for and in vocational settings.

JFK Works was launched September 2019. The federal Employment First initiative defines that employment should be the first and preferred option for adult individuals with disabilities.

Just For Kids created JFK Works to move towards supporting that movement. Program Participants engage in vocational training sessions at their home base and then venture out in the community in on site vocational settings with the intent to further employment opportunities.

Experiences that are being provided include human resource work at a local technological company, food industry at a local pizza shop, organizational skills through Meals on Wheels delivery, and volunteer public relations in a local museum. Surface cleaning, retail selling homemade popcorn recipes, and learning skills for working in a program such as ours doing janitorial and van care.

Uniforms and official titles have heightened self confidence in our participants and their abilities to seek future employment and in the meantime, we will keep JFK participants working.



CURRENT PROGRAMS







JFK SUMMER HIVEs



JFK SUMMER HIVES FOR ADVANCING ACADEMIC SKILLS

Oh what do you do in the summer time, especially if you have intellectual disabilities? Attend JFK Summer HIVEs!

JFK Summer HIVEs was created to give elementary and secondary students with intellectual disabilities a bridge between academic school years. Summer HIVEs provides academic enhancement to skills that are often compromised for those with intellectual disabilities as they are away from instruction for 2- 2 1/2 months each summer.

Academics are presented in a "lite" fashion by fun teachers, while community based outings, art, music, and socialization are presented. Students venture out into the community on a van together to see a movie, go to the local gardens, picnic in the park, provide a talent show for family, and make and keep new and old dear friends.

JFK Summer HIVES is a half-day program, 3 days a week for 8-9 weeks during the summer. Participants are 16-23 years old.



CURRENT PROGRAMS



THE JFK SPORTS AND TEAM PROGRAM

JFK Athletics partners with Lehi City to provide opportunities for children and adults to participate in team and individual sports and tournaments.

Athletes gather for practice and socialization in the following sports: volleyball, basketball, swimming, bowling, and track and field. JFK Athletics promotes partners to participate in competition in team sports. Adaptive sports physical facilities are provided through Lehi City.

Just For Kids provides the athletic team structure, volunteers, tournaments and awards. Participants in JFK Athletics enjoy athletic skill building, fitness practice, team building and socialization.

JFK ATHLETICS

ADAPTIVE BASKETBALL



This class is designed and modified to meet the needs of athletes with disabilities. Basketball is one of the top sports for people with disabilities. Players take it up at all ages and at all abilities, from young players learning to handle the ball and keep it under control while dribbling to older,

more experienced players who have the moves and know the strategies to play challenging ball. Athletes in this class learn the basic skills of basketball and put them into practice playing the game in preparation for area and state competitions. Athletes must be 12 years of age to participate in the class. This class provides not only the opportunity for exercise and athletic skill development but also offers social development, the skills of team playing, and friendship.





JFK ATHLETICS

ADAPTIVE VOLLEYBALL



This class is designed and modified to meet the needs of athletes with disabilities. Volleyball is attractive to all types of players, young and old. To play volleyball, players need to acquire a few basic skills and learn a few rules—then they are ready to play the game anywhere from the gym to the beach.

Participants learn skills and rules for tournament play in this hour long weekly class. The class provides an opportunity to develop not only athletic skills to play the game of volleyball but also teaches fair play and healthy competition. Team members build camaraderie as they prepare for the season-ending tournament against their peers. Athletes look forward to the friendship and fun that is fostered in this class.



ADAPTIVE BOWLING



This class is designed and modified to meet the needs of athletes with disabilities. Bowling is a particularly beneficial sport to people with intellectual disabilities, irrespective of their age or sports abilities, since it ensures physical exercise and at the same time participation

and social integration. Participants learn the skills of bowling, develop the discipline of the game and find friendship.

ADAPTIVE SWIMMING



This class is designed and modified to meet the needs of athletes with disabilities. Swimming is one of the most popular sports in the world. Unlike other sports, swimming is a life skill that is taught, first, to ensure safety and, secondly, for sports and competition purposes. Aquatics

covers a great variety of swimming skills, from short sprints to longer events and relays. Participants learn and refine the competitive swim strokes as they prepare for area and state competition in this hourly class held twice a week. Team members become stronger physically while developing friendships with teammates. Swimmers not only participate in individual swim events but can also be members of a competitive relay team. Participants must have minimal swimming abilities to sign up for the class. The class refines already established swimming skills.



OPPORTUNITY

THREE TIERS OF OPPORTUNITY

- A vocational certification program that is self-directed, personcentered; with a unique focus on arts, independent living, and career development by offering individualized goal opportunities.
- Lifelong learning opportunities: individually tailored, postsecondary education including the arts, technology, fitness, and vocational training.
- Immersion of attained program skills into inclusive community acitivites: theater, technology, choral, dance, art, athletic opportunities, and job application.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For more information on how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity, please contact Michelle Holbrook.

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will be a home for our growing programs