

Devereux/TCV Community Services opens Day Academy in Homestead to serve Mon Valley region

New Approved Private School to serve up to 80 students with autism, intellectual disabilities and behavioral/mental health challenges

Homestead, PA – Sept. 3, 2024 – Today, Devereux/TCV Community Services, one of Allegheny County's most respected nonprofit organizations, opened the Devereux TCV Day Academy – Homestead, an Approved Private School (APS), in Homestead, Pennsylvania.

Devereux TCV Day Academy – Homestead offers high-quality, innovative special education programming, utilizing evidence-based interventions, for students in grades 1-12 with the following primary diagnoses: autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and behavior and mental health challenges.

The Approved Private School serves up to 80 students in nine classrooms, with eight to 10 students per classroom. Students are supported by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and have access to a mental health professional during school hours. The Day Academy holds a Private Academic License from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"We are excited to provide students in the Mon Valley region with the educational services and specialized support they need to reach their full potential," said Devereux/TCV Community Services Executive Director **Fran Sheedy Bost, M.Ed.**, "At the Devereux TCV Day Academy – Homestead, we work in close partnership with families and local school districts to develop customized learning plans that build the academic, social and life skills students need to transition back to their home schools and communities. Through our individualized approach, we empower students to achieve their goals and thrive."

School programming

Day Academy programing includes:

- A comprehensive academic curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania Core Standards, as well as the curricula of partner school districts
- School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- Social and emotional learning instruction
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics offerings and activities

Now accepting referrals!

If your school district would like to send a referral to the Devereux TCV Day Academy – Homestead, please send an email to <u>HomesteadReferrals@tcv.net</u> and include the following information:

- Student name, date of birth and grade level (required)
- Documents for the admission team to review most recent IEP, ER/RR (required)

• Any educational records or information deemed relevant to the referral – psychiatric evaluation, attendance records, discipline records, health records, etc. (optional and/or as required)

About Devereux TCV Community Services

Devereux/TCV Community Services, an affiliate of Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, provides programs and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and behavioral health challenges. Founded in 1973, TCV's services are available to individuals and families throughout southwestern Pennsylvania, and include: adult drug and alcohol services, behavioral health services, intellectual and developmental disabilities services, and child and adolescent programs.

About Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health is one of the nation's largest nonprofit organizations, providing services, insight and leadership in the evolving field of behavioral healthcare. Founded in 1912, Devereux operates a comprehensive national network of clinical, therapeutic, educational and employment programs that positively impact the lives of thousands of children, adults – and their families – every year. The organization's unique approach combines evidence-based interventions with compassionate family engagement.

With more than 6,000 employees working in programs across the country, Devereux is a trusted partner for families, schools and communities, serving many of our country's most vulnerable populations in the areas of autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, specialty mental health, education and foster care. For more than a century, Devereux has been guided by a simple and enduring mission: To change lives by unlocking and nurturing human potential for people living with emotional, behavioral and cognitive differences. www.devereux.org

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