**Mission Statement**

Blue Cap’s mission is to serve as a catalyst for children and adults with intellectual disabilities to be educated, have quality life experiences, be respected and be a valued member of their community.

All programs and services at Blue Cap are designed for each individual.

Daily activities are designed to address skills and personal goals of each individual participant.

Whether their goal is to find a job, learn a new skill, or be an integral part of the community, we help people achieve and exceed their ultimate objective.

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**Blue Cap’s Unifying Principles**

**People We Serve Come First**

We believe that advocacy and responding to people’s needs, interests and dreams are our primary concerns. Each person’s growth, health, welfare and safety are the first considerations in every decision.

**Our Standard of Performance is Excellence**

We believe the people we support deserve the highest degree of excellence in services. We seek innovative and effective ways to accomplish our day-to-day work.

**Respect**

We believe in demonstrating consideration for each other. We recognize the uniqueness of individuals. We support and encourage diversity.

**Teamwork**

We believe in working together toward a common vision and directing individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives.

**Open Communication**

We are committed to listening to others. We believe in an open dialogue that promotes exchanging views.

**Honesty & Integrity**

We believe in sincerity and truthful actions that are consistent with Blue Cap’s principles and mission.
Overview of Services

In 1967, Blue Cap responded to the needs of the community by providing a school program that served 28 students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Today, Blue Cap offers uniquely tailored programs which provide educational, vocational, therapeutic and residential services to nearly 200 children and adults. Blue Cap serves the south side of Chicago and more than 30 south suburban communities.

Services

Adult Day Services offers individualized support and education to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, 18 years or older, with an emphasis on vocational training and the teaching of daily living skills.

Life Enrichment provides experiences and education in the community through volunteer projects and recreation, through exercise classes, Life Skills classes, job readiness, music, and creativity.

Specialized Services Program offers individualized support for people living with Autism or Sensory Processing Disorder. The program specializes in sensory-sensitive disabilities. It provides an inclusive environment and is designed to meet unique needs of every individual being served.

Employment offers individualized support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are interested in community job placement, while providing local businesses with quality employees.

Volunteerism Blue Cap participates in volunteer activities in the community and surrounding community to build skills and give back. People gain skills through volunteerism which can greater serve in employment opportunities.

Senior Program offers older individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to retain their current life skills while embracing their golden years.

Blended Approach Participation in multiple programs is part of a “Blended Day.” A blended day is an approach to creating an open environment where people can choose which activities they would like to do for the day. For example someone can spend half a day volunteering and the other half in recreational activities.

Home-Based Services Program offers support, education, and companionship to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live at home. This program also promotes participation in Blue Cap’s Adult Day Services Program and community-based activities.

Residential Program offers a variety of supportive living arrangements in the community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.