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JASON'S STORY





Purpose: To provide a seamless curriculum of education and support across the lifespan for individuals and families with autism while providing evidence-based best practice training for students.

Suzanne Vitale Clinical
Education Complex

Family Resource Program

Communication Disorders
Clinic

Renshaw Early Childhood
Center

Kelly Autism Program

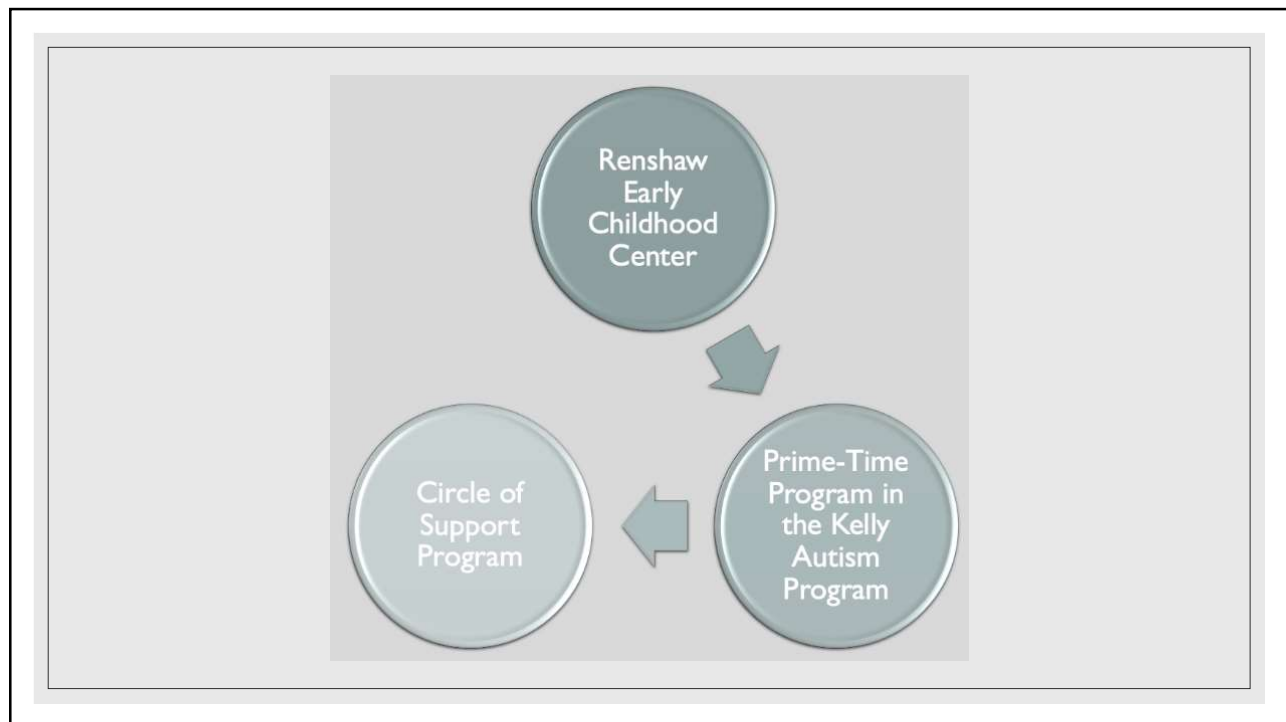
- Prime Time Program
- Circle of Support College Program

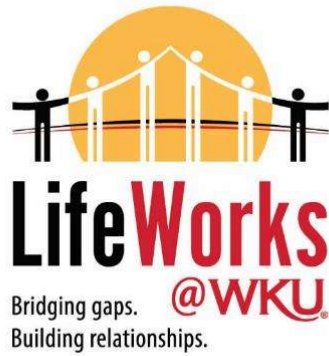
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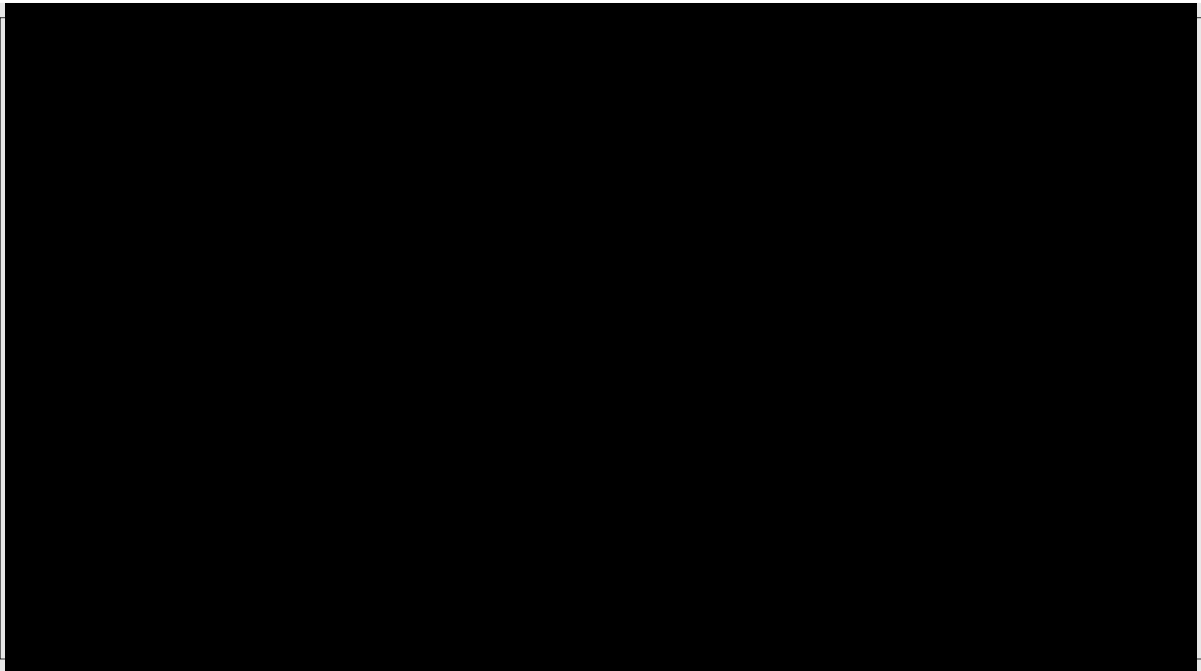






**Kentucky's Only Living & Learning Transition
Program for Young Adults with Autism**

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Participant Profile

- Young adult ~ typically ages 21-30
- Autism or other learning difference
- Low-average to high intelligence
- Variety of education levels and backgrounds
- Personally motivated with the ability to maintain personal safety
- May be experiencing something commonly referred to as “failure to launch”

Program Goals

Participants work toward achieving successful outcomes in the following areas:

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| ▪ Employability | ▪ Financial Management |
| ▪ Housing & Transportation | ▪ Adaptability |
| ▪ Health, Wellness & Nutrition | ▪ Personal Safety |
| ▪ Life Skills | ▪ Social Skills |
| ▪ Relationships | ▪ Leisure Activities |



LifeWorks Transition Academy

Bridging gaps. Building Relationships.



Structured, two-year postsecondary certificate program



On-site apartment housing



32-course independent living skills curriculum



Pre-employment and supported employment training services



Service learning and community engagement



Social and leisure activities



LifeWorks Bridge Program

Offers classroom instruction only

Utilizes the Learn4Independence® curriculum

Participants enroll in up to eight courses on a semester basis

Focused on valuable life-skills and career-readiness



A BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE

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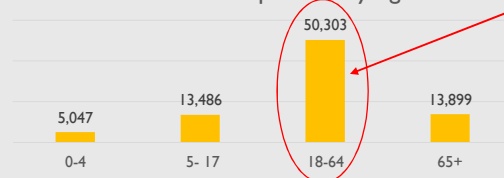
Facts to Keep in Mind:

1 in 54: The incidence of autism according to the Centers for Disease Control.

82,735: Estimated number of people who are diagnosed with autism in Kentucky.

Source: www.kyaca.org

KY Autistic Population by Age



\$3.5-5 million
The lifetime costs for individuals diagnosed with autism.

30%
Families who have children diagnosed with autism earn 30% less than other families.

\$50,000
Individual therapy costs per year for children with autism who are under 8 years old.

According to Autism Speaks the majority of costs for autism supports in the U.S. are for adult services. This is an estimated cost of \$175 to \$196 billion a year for adults, compared to \$61 to \$66 billion a year for children.

“There will be 500,000 adults on the autism spectrum aging into adulthood over the next 10 years. Yet 85% of college graduates affected by autism are unemployed, compared to the national unemployment rate of 4.5%.”

- Nicole Lyn Pesce

Average Annual Cost of HCBS Waiver Services by State, 2009 According to the National Council on Disability

State	Home and Community Based Waiver
Kentucky	\$48,831

Budget

Note: The facility is paid for by generous support from Mr. Bill Gatton and Mr. Garry Watkins. The budget costs are operational only.

◦ Personnel Expenses (18 staff)	985,752
◦ Non-Personnel Expenses	401,788
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◦ Total	1,387,540
# of participants = 28	
Actual cost per participant	49,555
Tuition	50,000

Cost of Transition Programs for Individuals with Autism (2021 data)

Name	Cost
Chapel Haven West (Tuscon,AZ)	\$93,500 – per year
ScenicView Academy	\$80,000 – per year
Mansfield Hall (Burlington,VT)	\$75,950 - Total
Project 1212 (Chicago, IL)	\$72,000 – per year
Berkshire Hills Music Academy (Hadley, MA)	\$69,500 – per year
FirstPlace (Phoenix,AZ)	\$66,000 – per year
Live Oaks (San Marcos,TX)	\$63,875 – per year
CIP Amherst (Amherst, NY)	\$62,500 – per year
29 Acres (Dallas,TX)	\$57,336 – per year
Horizons School (Birmingham,AL)	\$50,000 – per year
LifeWorks @ WKU (Bowling Green, KY)	\$50,000 – per year

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YOUR HELP





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