

# Our Mission



The mission of Helping Hand Center is to assist persons with disabilities to achieve their highest level of independence through quality programs and services. Helping Hand Center is a nonprofit organization founded in 1955 to provide services for individuals with disabilities. Our mission, first defined by a small group of our founding families, was to meet the needs of this highly underserved population. Today, we reach more than 70 communities and serve more than 650 individuals annually in west Cook County, east DuPage County and the greater Chicagoland areas.

With 59 years of services to individuals with disabilities, we have grown from a small group of families to a fully-integrated, multi-disciplined organization. We provide services to the very youngest in our Children's Outpatient Clinic to school-age students in our Autism School, to our high school transition students, to adults in our day programs, employment services and residential programs. Our motto is "Service for Life". It is not just what we do, it is a promise to our clients, their families, and our communities that we will be here at every life stage, working together with families, community organizations, high schools, churches, businesses and caring individuals to improve the quality of those with disabilities and ultimately help the community.

