

everyone is *different*



AVONDALE HOUSE AT A GLANCE

PURPOSE: Avondale House was founded in 1976 to provide a source of respite, residential, educational, and family support services to individuals with autism and their families in the thirteen-county Houston/Galveston region. Avondale House is one of the few resources in Texas to offer an array of services for children and young adults most severely impacted by autism.

LOCATION: The agency's corporate office, day school, and adult day habilitation programs are located at 3737 O'Meara Drive, Houston, Texas 77025. The residential facilities are located within a three-mile radius of the corporate office.

MISSION: To provide children and young adults with autism the education and training to develop to their fullest potential.

SERVICES: Avondale House provides the following autism-specific programs and services:

- *EIBI program* - an early intervention program with an emphasis on Applied Behavior Analysis, speech and language development and sensory integration.
- *Day School program* - an exemplary, Texas Education Agency (TEA) approved, year-round educational program for individuals 3-21 years of age.
- *Adult Day Habilitation program* - offering pre-vocational training, life skills training, and communication and social skills training to young adults 22 years and older.
- *Community Education and Outreach* - offering workshops, printed materials, conferences, speakers, and in-service training to family members, educators, healthcare professionals and others addressing the unique needs of individuals with autism.

Ancillary services which augment the core programs include:

- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Recreation, leisure, and exercise programs
- Health and medical services

SOURCE OF SUPPORT: Avondale House is funded through tuition and fees charged to school districts and other entities for services to students and residents; however, the fees charged do not cover the full cost of providing services. As a nonprofit organization, we also depend on support from foundations, corporations, churches, civic groups, individuals, and the United Way of Greater Houston to sustain and enhance programs and services.

STAFF: Specialists, teachers, paraprofessionals, volunteers and others train children and young adults in behavior management, communication, self-help, academic, vocational and other skills needed to integrate into school, home, and community life.

GOVERNING: Avondale House is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are drawn from the ranks of local community leaders.

IRS STATUS: Avondale House is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation.



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