

Eligibility

To participate in AACES, you must:

- Have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (Asperger's Syndrome, PDD-NOS or High Functioning Autism)
- Be able to attend programs independently and navigate adjoining mall without support
- Have an IQ score of 70 or above
- Demonstrate motivation to participate and agree to adhere to program expectations which will be explained upon admission

AGE CRITERIA

- 16+ for job preparation workshops, work place social skills seminars, community classes and Junior Coffeehouse
- 18+ for the service learning center, job coaching, vocational assessments, employment consulting and Coffeehouse

EDUCATION CRITERIA

- High school diploma or GED for job coaching, vocational assessments, employment consulting and Coffeehouse

RESIDENCY CRITERIA

- Bucks County residency for service learning center, Coffeehouse and Junior Coffeehouse
- Bucks or Montgomery County residency for job coaching and vocational assessments
- Job preparation workshops, workplace social skill seminars, employment consulting and community classes do not have residency restrictions



Serving people in their homes,
in their communities and in our offices

Our Mission

To protect, maintain, strengthen and enhance individuals, families and children and their social and psychological functioning

What We Do

We increase opportunities for adults, reduce substance abuse, improve lives of those with mental illness, protect older adults, prepare children and adolescents for the future, improve the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS and much more.

CONTACT US

For more information about Family Service, call

215.757.6916

TTY/TDD 215.750.0727

Bucks County Housing Link Call Center: 1.800.810.4434

CONTACT Helpline: 215.355.6000

www.fsabc.org

Locations

Langhorne

4 Cornerstone Drive
Langhorne, PA 19047
215.757.6916

Doylestown

708 N. Shady Retreat Rd.
Doylestown, PA 18901
215.345.0550

Quakertown

312 W. Broad Street
Quakertown, PA 18951
215.538.1616

Bristol

2 Canal's End Road
Suite 201G
Bristol, PA 19007
215.781.6602



We are a member of The United Way of Bucks County and we are accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services, Inc. Our agency is also licensed by The State of Pennsylvania to provide both outpatient mental health and drug and alcohol services.

Services and employment are provided in a nondiscriminatory manner without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, disability, age or limited English proficiency.

Autism Awareness, Community Education & Support (AACES)

*Helping young adults with Autism Spectrum
Disorder lead more independent lives*



Strengthening individuals, families,
and communities since 1953

What is AACES?

Autism Awareness, Community Education and Support (AACES) is a group of programs designed to increase independence and decrease isolation among young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

We can help you:

- Transition into adulthood
- Develop and practice effective social skills
- Build relationships with peers in a welcoming environment
- Find and maintain employment
- Gain work experience
- Learn independent living skills
- Identify community resources

Programs & Services

TRACKS TO EMPLOYMENT

The following services can help you gain community and vocational experiences, often leading to competitive employment:

- Job preparation workshops
- Workplace social skills seminars
- Service learning center training
- Vocational assessments
- Job coaching
- Employment consulting

Service Learning Center

Our service learning center, Deja Vu Thrift, provides real world opportunities for practicing workplace skills while helping you gain experience, confidence and greater self-awareness.

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

We are an approved vendor for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) and can provide vocational assessments and job coaching for OVR clients.

Job Coaching & Employment Consulting

We provide job coaching and employment consulting for individuals who are not OVR clients and are interested in private pay.



COFFEEHOUSE SOCIALIZATION

We offer two socialization programs to help you gain social comfort and make connections with other young people.

- **Coffeehouse** is for high school graduates, ages 18-26
- **Junior Coffeehouse** is for high school students, ages 16-21

Both programs include organized activities, discussion groups, guest speakers and casual conversation.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT & SUPPORT

Parents and caregivers of transition age youth and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder experience unique challenges, concerns and feelings as they help their child move toward independence.

Through educational programs, a monthly Parent Support Group and individual consultations, our staff work with family members to answer questions and provide access to community resources.

COMMUNITY CLASSES

Our community classes provide you with opportunities to gain additional life skills. There is a participation fee. Contact us for our current class schedule.

Location

The AACES Program
Suite 012 at Oxford Valley Mall
Langhorne, PA 19047

Near JC Penney and the fountain

Contact Information

To participate, call our AACES Coordinator, Devon Punchello, MSW.

215.757.6916, ext. 222

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