



# COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Barber National Institute offers Community Participation Support programs that enable adults with disabilities to become involved in their community through activities that interest them and exploration of community resources and businesses.



Activities may take place at the program facility or in the community and focus on:

- Experiencing meaningful community participation and inclusion.
- Increasing the potential for employment.
- Increasing independence and building natural supports.
- Developing and sustaining a range of valued social roles and relationships.

Activities vary based on location, interest and ability, but may include:

- Small group community participation (local organizations, groups, associations or clubs).
- Pursuit of individual interests or hobbies in the community .
- Fine and gross motor development and mobility (arts and crafts, games).
- Opportunities to promote health and wellness (YMCA, walking, group fitness).
- Community adult learning experiences (classes in areas of interest)
- Transportation training (EMTA bus, LIFT, taxi).
- Vocational development (career exploration, volunteering, skill training).

Activities take place in the surrounding community to the greatest extent possible. Individuals are encouraged to participate in community activities for at least 25% of the week. Services should result in active, valued participation in a broad range of integrated activities that build on the participant's interests, preferences, gifts and strengths while reflecting individual goals relating to employment, community involvement and membership.



The programs operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PROGRAM  
FACILITY  
LOCATIONS**

**ERIE**  
99 East Ave  
101 East Ave  
1803 East Lake Rd

**GIRARD**  
1126 Lake St

**CORRY**  
670 Sciota St

**MILLCREEK**  
2084 W 16th St



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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