Northern Illinois Academy

Northern Illinois Academy, a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), serves youth diagnosed with developmental disorders and those diagnosed with severe socio-emotional disorders. Our residents range in ages from 6 to 21 years in our 60 bed facility licensed by Department of Children and Family Services. Residents functioning range from moderate to high cognitive functioning levels, verbal skills as well as adaptive living skills. Northern Illinois Academy is committed to providing exceptional treatment services to youth and families that include clinical, medical/nursing and programmatic partnerships. Our treatment programs include services for youth diagnosed with the following:

- Autism spectrum disorders
- Cognitive disability and other developmental delays
- Stable health impairments
- Significant psychiatric disorders, such as bipolar, mood, post traumatic stress and anxiety disorders, along with schizoaffective disorder
- Learning disabilities that significantly impact their social-emotional and cognitive functioning
- Youth involved with the juvenile justice system due to their mental health issues

Programs

A low resident–to-counselor ratio is essential to a youth’s treatment progress. Our experienced and highly committed and skilled staff members work closely with each resident to develop their full potential for critical skills needed for healthy living and academic achievement. We achieve these goals by:

- Providing, at minimum, one hour of weekly individual, group and family therapies
- Weekly Pet therapy
- Recreational therapy
- Nursing services
- Board certified child and adolescent psychiatrists who provide medication assessment and monitoring
- Vocational services
- Licensed therapists
- Structured milieu programming
- Status system that supports and encourages residents to strive for increasing independent skills
- Monthly multi-disciplinary staffing that include the resident and his/her family members when available
Autism Program includes:
• Visual supports
• Structured learning
• Communication systems
• Behavioral strategies
• Sensory diets
• Use of various evidenced based models such as TEACCH, DIR, RDI and floor time

Academic Program
Our residents attend a certified non-public school that follows academic program in compliance with standards set by the Illinois State Board of Education in:
• Math
• Science
• Language arts
• Social studies
• Fine arts
• Physical education
• Electives
• Music

Our academic services also provide:
• Art therapy
• Occupational therapy
• Speech therapy

Facility/Amenities:
➢ Play ground to be built spring 2013
➢ Meals prepared by our chef in our spacious dining hall
➢ Indoor gymnasium
➢ Large living quarters
➢ Nursing Suite
➢ NIA school in same building

The Community:
Aurora is a large subdivision of Chicago that offers many local amenities including:
➢ Indoor activity centers, such as access to the local YMCA
➢ Large local library
➢ Local shopping malls (including Aurora Outlet Mall), movie theatres and restaurants
➢ Outdoor activities in the large park district
➢ Approximately 35 miles from downtown Chicago and all its amenities

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