Project Beacon

With giant thanks to Community Foundation of SECT & Bodenwien for grant funding, The Light House and Creative Potential are thrilled to announce a new collaborative respite for families with children with special needs, Project Beacon.

Project Beacon will provide up to 25 children with monthly semi-structured play at The Light House's Groton Campus on alternating Saturdays from 10am-4pm for a sliding scale fee. Accepted applicants will have one session per month and can apply to be on a standby list for the second session, if they need it.

Fee-for-Service

A minimal contribution of $2.00/hr. is required of all participants. Guidelines will be provided in the form of a sliding scale based on annual family incomes (shown below). Verification of income will be required.

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| **Sliding Scale** | **Hourly Rate** | **Per Session (6 hour)** |
| Under $30,000 | 2.00 | $12.00 |
| $30,000- 40,000 | 3.00 | $18.00 |
| $40,000- 50,000 | 4.00 | $24.00 |
| $50,000- 60,000 | 5.00 | $30.00 |
| $60,000- 70,000 | 6.00 | $36.00 |
| $70,000- 80,000 | 7.00 | $42.00 |
| $80,000- 90,000 | 8.00 | $48.00 |
| $90,000- 100,000 | 9.00 | $54.00 |
| $100,000+ | 10.00+ | $60.00 |

Each family who is accepted will be interviewed by an administrator to determine the best fit in cohort groups.

As we are just starting this program and hope to use data collected to apply for larger grants that will support increasing the scope and offerings of this respite, please be mindful when making the referral- we know this program won't support the needs of all families. Please refer only children who can operate at a 5:1 ratio.

Finally, we want to welcome and encourage you to support this program in any way you are able: donations of snacks, time, workshops, funds, supplies, field trips, vehicles, or anything else you have laying around the house are welcome! If your organization can sponsor a day or donate funds to reserve spots for families with whom you work, we'd love to work on it!

Project Beacon participant children will meet for an initial check-in to establish rapport and facilitate self-assessments, scheduling of activities, and goal-setting. They will select activities, coping breaks, and specific skills they will work on through their play. At the end of their session, they will check out with staff to assess performance, goal-achievement, and self-reflection.

Please fill out the following form and submit to:

Sierra Davis at [sdavis@creativepotentialllc.com](mailto:sdavis@creativepotentialllc.com) or

Project Beacon: Agency Referral

Date:

Name of Referrer: Agency of referral:

Please review criteria for Project Beacon participation:

* Child resides in Groton, New London, Montville, East Lyme, North Stonington, Stonington, Waterford, Old Lyme, Ledyard, or Lyme (grant is limited to these towns)
* Family has a 7-17YO child with special needs who is able to remain safe in a 5:1 play environment for 2-6hrs at a time
* Ambulatory child requires neither toileting nor changing
* Parents/Careers are reliable in scheduling, communicating, transporting
* If family has financial need for sliding scale support, please provide documentation that referrer and family deem relevant
* Family is able to provide lunch and/or snack for child to bring
* Child is communicative and able to process experience verbally or with technology with staff
* If child requires medication administration during the session, parent/carer must return to administer medication

Please provide information that demonstrates how this family meets the criteria above:

Please describe the benefits that you believe participation in this program will provide to the family and child: