

We believe in you.



In 2014, a unique “life college” is opening in Somerville, MA, aimed at empowering young adults with developmental disabilities including autism to lead **meaningful, gratifying, healthy and connected** lives within the community.

**Interviewing
transitioning
students now
for admission**

**To apply, visit
3LPlace.org**

At the 3LPlace Life College, young adults will work at their own pace to develop the skills and confidence needed to move from the shelter of home and schools into the community. The highly individualized residential transition program will offer experiential instruction and learning from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., seven days a week, 11 months a year.

3LPlace’s vision is that a successful transition to adulthood begins with a thorough understanding of each individual, particularly about their interests and passions in life. We believe that those unique interests can be harnessed to accelerate the development of self-direction, independence skills, friendships and social behavior.

The Life College program is designed to be flexible. Some students will be at the Life College for two years, others for three.

Multidisciplinary, supervised staff will provide education and support to a diverse mix of students, with a 3:1 student/staff ratio.

The Life College is planned as the center of a developing, sustainable community that will help support and maintain appropriate housing choices as well as providing lifelong education, activities and social support over the lifespan. Students will move from the residential Life College program into the larger, supportive 3LPlace Community Members Program.

Our Somerville location just outside Boston is proximate to a number of colleges and universities, as well as public transportation, employment and recreation opportunities. It is safe, and offers abundant housing stock for graduating Life College participants.

for more information see 3LPlace.org

3LPlace: Learning, Living and Linking for a lifetime



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Learning

Learning at 3LPlace's residential Life College is built on a unique and comprehensive Transition Curriculum, the product of the collaboration of a multidisciplinary team of more than 40 experts, including those at Tufts, Harvard and Lesley universities.

The highly individualized curriculum begins with the development of the Student's Individualized Plan. This



plan, a sort of high-powered IEP for the lifespan, is a roadmap for creating the tools and programs that

will support that individual's meaningful participation in the community.

Working with Tufts University's Occupational Therapy faculty, we are developing measurement tools that we will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the Transition Curriculum as implemented at 3LPlace's Life College. The data collected and analyzed will inform revisions we make to the curriculum and its implementation.

The Transition Curriculum can be viewed in its entirety at 3LPlace.org.

Living

Interviews are underway now for the first class of 3LPlace's residential Life College in Somerville, MA, and interested families are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible.



We believe that individuals should strive for the highest levels of self-determination possible. Toward that end, 3LPlace will adapt all learning activities to accommodate supported communication learners so that everyone has a voice.

Tuition, which includes housing, instruction, group activities and all meals, is comparable to similar residential programs across New England. Funding through various state and federal benefits is available for most students.

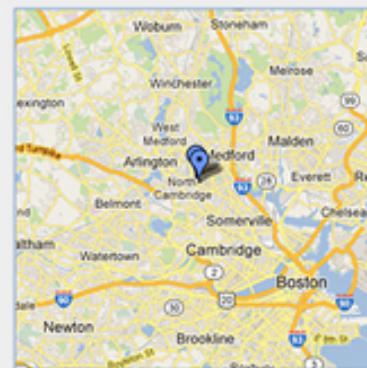
The 3LPlace Clubhouse and Community Members Program will provide ongoing support and social activity.

Appropriate for young adults who are no longer on an IEP, the Life College is not eligible for school district funding.

Linking

We believe that individuals grow best IN community, not apart from it, and 3LPlace is intentionally sited to place and support students in a social context. 3LPlace's extended network includes schools, educators, doctors, therapeutic clinicians, coaches, local residents, local businesses and employers, public safety and recreation organizations, state and federal government agencies and policy-makers.

The impact of 3LPlace is also extended by our website and the implementation of Transition Curriculum in other settings. We're committed to sharing our models, pilot studies, aspirations and successes in both our online and Boston area communities.



"It's the uniqueness, their passion that drives learning. We are helping to develop each individual's uniqueness so they can believe in themselves. In order for them to believe in themselves, we have to believe in them."

-- Ricki G. Robinson, MD, MPH, Professor, author of Autism Solutions, 3LPlace board member



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