

History of the Center

1956—The Houston County Association for Exceptional Citizens, Inc. was founded.

1957—On September 17, the first class began in Second Baptist Church.

1964—The Happy Hour School (Maude Paris Building) was completed. The Jaycees sponsored a successful fund drive and also helped with construction.

1966— The School was at full capacity and two additional classrooms along with an assembly room were added.

1970—Happy Hour Workshop I (Dan Callahan Building) was built through a private foundation grant of \$75,000. This building was completely furnished and paid in full upon opening.

1976—Happy Hour School was overflowing and the Jay Ryals annex was added.

1985— Happy Hour Workshop II (McCannon Building) was built and financed through a SBA loan.

1993— In March, Falcon Park I and II, group homes funded by HUD, were opened to serve 8 residents.

1993—In August, Workshop III was opened to handle all of our recycling contracts.

2003—In August, we broke ground on Falcon Park III, our semi-independent living apartment complex that was funded by HUD.

2005—Nine residents moved into Falcon Park III in May.

Community Service Organization

Through a variety of facilities, Happy Hour Service Center provides much needed service to the people and businesses of Houston County. The recycling program not only provides funds for Happy Hour, but also diverts 5,000 tons of refuse from going to our landfills each year. A large portion of Houston County's landfill is taken up by recyclable paper, cardboard, aluminum and glass. Happy Hour has the facilities and the personnel to recycle these items. The organization provides assembly and disassembly services for companies. The consumers sort, examine and recycle small pieces and parts. Our federal contracts save the taxpayers thousands of dollars annually by our inspecting and recycling discarded materials. Consumers provide bulk mailing services, box construction, kit assembly, sorting and repackaging services.

**HCAEC, Inc. is a non-profit
501(c) 3 organization.**

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Mission Statement

The mission of HCAEC, Inc. is to provide to any developmentally disabled person training in life, social and work skills within a safe, caring and considerate environment that will enable them to function in the community.

Philosophy

The philosophy of HCAEC, Inc. is based on the concept that the developmentally disabled are individuals with the same basic rights and privileges accorded to the non-disabled. We will provide services on a continuum from the very basic self-care needs to total independence of those individuals whose needs cannot be met elsewhere. This service will be provided in the facility and in the home and community as the needs of the individual dictates.

Who Do We Serve?

Since 1956, Happy Hour Service Center has been serving the developmentally disabled citizens of Houston County. Falcon Park I & II has provided residential services since 1993. In 2005 we opened Falcon Park III a semi-independent apartment complex.



Consumers are training in daily living skills, communication skills, social skills, and work adjustment skills. Everyone is guided toward reaching his or her fullest potential.

A Complete Range of Services

Specialized Employment

This program involves employees working on Robins Air Force Base contracts involving sorting airplane parts, de-numbering tools, respirator cleaning, and all base recycling.

Day Supports

Involves employment in various areas: assisting with cooking and preparing lunch; tearing rags; document destruction and recycling computer paper; recycling newspaper and cardboard; assembling and packaging hospital kits; printing and labeling newsletters, sorting and mail-out activities.

Day Habilitation

A Medicaid Waiver program which operates in community-based settings. The emphasis of training is on assisting the individual in increasing self-help, socialization skills, skills of daily living and adaptive skills. These activities include assisting people with money management, teaching appropriate shopping skills, and teaching nutrition and diet information.



Community Employment

Individuals are employed in various businesses throughout Houston County. They hold regular jobs while receiving support services from our staff.

Residential Services

A program which operates group home and supported living apartments. Based on individual needs, we offer twenty-four hour Residential Service and a Semi-Independent Living Program.

Outreach Services

Individuals receive services and/or case management in the home or community in lieu of the Center.

Recreation and Community Integration

In addition to being a work center, we provide for physical fitness activities. We have three teams which participate in basketball, bowling, and volleyball. We also participate in the city's swimming and library programs.

Yard Sale

We accept furniture, clothing, appliances, toys, and other clean functioning items that we can sell in our monthly Yard Sale, "Recycled Treasures." All of the proceeds of this sale go directly to the consumers. We are a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and will supply a donation receipt.