



## Fact Sheet:

Division of Developmental Disabilities

### COLLEGE-IN RESIDENCE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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Lakeland Village at Medical Lake created a pro-active college student volunteer program in the early 1970's. Their "College in Residence Volunteer" (CIRV) program offers college students campus housing in exchange for 15 hours of volunteer work weekly. The student volunteers focus on enhancing social interactions with residents.

CIRV student volunteers provide residents assistance to participate in social and recreation activities; they build relationships with residents and enhance the quality of their lives. Some of the activities include Special Olympics, dancing, movies, bowling, sporting events, dinner out, local entertainment, Interstate Fair, self-advocacy and People First activities, community club activities and other experiences. While participating in the Lakeland Village CIRV program, these students educate others about developmental disabilities and frequently go on to professional careers in human services and health related fields.

The CIRV program started with ten students. Today there are about 40 who participate. The program is often full.

This is volunteer work. Although very coordinated and focused for college students, their volunteer enrollment, screening and working at Lakeland is no different than any other recreational or social volunteer. Funding for the entire Lakeland volunteer program comes from both state and federal dollars.

- Lakeland employees' hours to administer, supervise, train or otherwise support volunteers are matched by federal ICF or NF funding.
- Lakeland does not request federal matching funds for a quarter-time volunteer coordinator position because the majority of that persons' work supports the CIRV program. This is being reviewed as this type of service, volunteer recruiting, coordination and administration is an allowable cost .
- Volunteers are covered by the State Department of Labor and Industries safety program; those costs are federally matched
- Student volunteers receive housing and one meal per day.
  - Meal costs are reimbursable.
  - Students are required to pay an excise tax fee for housing
  - The student service hours are valued at about \$780 per month. The value of their service is exchanged for housing and utilities. Those costs are federally matched.