

# McLean County CY2018 377 Funded Programming

## **Easterseals** **\$13,972**

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Easterseals provides support for thirteen McLean County youth, ages birth to five, to receive comprehensive diagnostic evaluations at the Bloomington clinic. These youth may receive a medical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder that allows them to access needed therapies, services and community supports, ultimately maximizing the functional outcomes and long-term quality of life, including lessening the chance of out-of-home placement for these children and families. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges [www.ci.easterseals.com](http://www.ci.easterseals.com) (309) 663-8275

## **LifeCIL** **\$13,613**

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The Independent Living Assistance for Persons with Developmental Disabilities program enables residents of McLean County who have developmental disabilities to acquire and successfully maintain independent living situations in the least restrictive environment of their choice. LIFE CIL serves thirty individuals who do not need or choose to live in supervised or supported living arrangements and those who do not need or choose to have a long-term case coordinator. These individuals may request assistance with learning how to apply for benefits and receiving assistance in filling out applications, developing a personal budget and keeping a check register, learning how to grocery shop and cook simple meals, obtaining affordable housing, learning self-advocacy skills and receiving referrals for crisis intervention and other community services as needed.

[www.lifecil.org](http://www.lifecil.org) (309) 663-5433

## **Marcfirst – Supported Living** **\$149,844**

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The Supported Living Program provides 24-hour residential support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Community Integrated Living Arrangements known as CILA. Residents in the program live in group homes, apartment or duplex settings situated throughout the Bloomington and Normal communities. Living in community based small homes provides each individual with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to live as independently as possible. The program serves 59 individuals. Each person develops a plan with his or her support team that is designed to assist the person in achieving identified personal outcomes. Services that are provided include case management that assists the person with accessing community resources, including mental health services, recreational activities, benefits and medical care, nursing services and teaching independent living skills, community integration, economic self-sufficiency and self-medication. The desired outcome is for all individuals to increase their independence and participation in community life through the opportunity that comes from living in a community based home, rather than a state operated institution or nursing home.

[www.marcfirst.org](http://www.marcfirst.org) (309) 451-8888

## **Marcfirst – Supported Employment** **\$290,000**

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The Supported Employment Program provides support for 135 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities including Asperger's syndrome, Autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and general learning disabilities that are unemployed, underemployed or employed, with obtaining and maintaining community employment. Services provided include pre-employment training, employer education and job training, and support for as long as the individual requires services to be successful. Activities include employment skill and interest assessments, resume building, social skills training, computer training, job coach on-the-job, transition services which provide classroom and community based learning experiences designed to prepare High School students for their transition from school to adult services. The desired outcome is for supported individuals to be employed in a job and have a career of their choosing, become taxpaying citizens who rely less on government benefits and be recognized and valued as contributing members of their communities.

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**Marcfirst – SPICE****\$43,585**

The SPICE Program is the only Early Intervention Provider (birth to three) to provide Developmental Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Social/Emotional Services in natural environments (such as the child's home, day care center, grandparent's homes, etc). The program serves approximately 350 children providing free developmental screenings which give a snapshot of a child's development in large and small muscle skills, communication, self-help and problem solving. SPICE also goes beyond the basic level of therapy and focuses on social integration of children with disabilities by encouraging community integration through community outings, family support groups and classes which promote a transition for children from SPICE to school.

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**United Cerebral Palsy****\$182,904**

United Cerebral Palsy Employment Services Program serves 80 individuals, with disabilities, providing vocational support services to assist in maintaining their jobs and/or placing them in a new job. The program includes extended job coaching and case management to individuals currently working in the community as well as vocational training and job development to individuals with disabilities who have lost employment or want to improve their job skills. UCP provides monthly activities and/or events to teach appropriate social skills to program participants. Activities include job shadowing opportunities, communication training, work etiquette and behavior training, money-management skills, transportation training and advocacy skills.

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