

Provider Profile

This service may not be appropriate for every individual.

Please work with the regional center service coordinator/case manager and the Interdisciplinary Team to determine the community option that best meets the individual's unique service needs.



General Information:

Name of Home: **Family Teaching Model**
Parent Company: **Diverse Journeys, Inc.**
City/Zip Code : **Ladera Heights**
Service Design: **Family Home Agency (FHA)**

Regional Center Contact:

Contact Person: **Daniel Hoyos, Quality Assurance Specialist**
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Provider Information:

Director Name: **Amanda Gerhart Jones**

Qualifications: Laura Broderick and Amanda Gerhart Jones, the co-founders of Diverse Journeys incorporated the Organization in March 2005, after being inspired by many leaders in the field of Inclusion, whose teachings on the Principles of this movement motivated us to develop an organization that would walk with people on their chosen journey and at their pace. Laura Broderick has worked in this field for 23 years and has a Masters Degree in Child & Family Therapy. Amanda Gerhart has worked in this field for 24 years and is an RN specializing in Psychiatry.

Business Information:

Existing Homes: Diverse Journeys Inc specializes in providing a Kaleidoscope of Community based services; **SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES; COMMUNITY INTEGRATED DAY TRAINING SERVICES** and more recently **FAMILY HOME SERVICES**. Our mission is to provide high quality individualized supports which are based upon each person's own unique needs, wants and desires for their future.

Specialty Services: This model is appropriate for residents who require a mild-moderate level of behavioral/psychiatric support and some nursing consultation, but do not require licensed nursing care. Family Teachers, who form a family unit, live in an attached duplex with three persons whom they support. The teaching couple is involved in every aspect of the residents' lives, from personal hygiene to personal finance - not just from a managerial standpoint, but incorporating the "Spirit of Family" in everything they do.

Provider Statement:

The goal is to provide individualized, humane and caring residential support services that are family centered and client driven, resulting in excellent outcomes for the client and family.

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Staffing Information:

Staffing Pattern: This model will utilize the standard staffing model used by FHA, which includes Executive Director/FHA Administrator, Director of Training & Client Services, Family Home Manager, Family Teachers (live-in Teaching Couple) and Family Mentors (Day & Awake Overnight Weekend Respite Staff) in order to provide 24-hour support to the residents, in a family centered and client driven environment.

Training Requirements: The training program is outcome based and structured through 5 stages of learning for all staff within the FHA. These 5 stages include: Induction, First Aid/CPR & Crisis Prevention Intervention, Foundations Training and Core Competency Certification Program (on-site training completed with mentorship of FHA Administrator, Manager and Family Teaching Couple).

Physical Characteristics and Special Features:

Sq. Ft.: 2,300 Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 1.5 accessible Lay out: Open floor plan

Number of ambulatory bedrooms: 1 Number of non-ambulatory bedrooms: 2

Ramps: Guide Rails: Wheel Chair Accessible:

Back Yard/Patio: Grass: Garden: Wheel Chair Accessible:

Special Features: Open floor plan designed to be wheelchair accessible. Beautifully landscaped back yard with seating area.

Safety Features: Rounded corners; entry/exit alarms

Neighborhood Amenities: (proximity) select from drop down menu

Hospital: Less than 1.5 mile Parks: Less than 1 mile Shopping: Less than 2 miles Entertainment: Less than 2 mile Freeways: Less than 2 miles

Places to Worship: Lutheran, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Jewish within 1-5 miles

Various community resources and volunteer opportunities are available based on individual needs of each resident.

Types of Transportation Services:

Residential Provider Accessible Van, Access Services, Dial-A-Ride Transportation, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority