

Introduction to the Ron Wilson Center

The Ron Wilson Center (RWC) is a private non-profit corporation founded in 1974 by a group of concerned citizens and parents. They were dedicated to the training and support of people with developmental disabilities in a natural community setting.

The corporation was named after Ron Wilson, a student and athlete at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, who was killed in a construction accident. He was very active and showed personal interest in the support and training of people with disabilities. His concern for the development of individual growth and self-worth inspired the RWC program.

At the heart of Ron Wilson Center's mission is the belief that persons with developmental challenges deserve the same opportunities to lead normal lives as every other citizen. This includes such simple rights as personal and private space in which to live, a personal bedroom, transportation to and from work or recreation, and the opportunity to choose their recreational activities. Independent living, with appropriate professional support, is our goal.

Programs Offered:

24-Hour Residential Homes: Individuals served receive staff assistance that is supportive and least restrictive to their needs. The Ron Wilson Center has ten 24-hour residences in Monmouth. The ultimate goal is to help them to become more independent. RWC Residents are a large part of the community and are very integrated within it.

Supported Living: The goal of Supported Living is to assist individuals with Developmental Disabilities to live in their own homes and in their own communities. We provide assistance in the form of financial, Health and Safety supports that enhance the quality of life.

Vocational: The agency provides employment opportunities for our individuals. This allows them a way to make a livable income doing useful, productive work around the agency and the community.

Alternative to Employment (ATE): For individuals that would prefer to not be in an employment setting, we offer an Alternative to Employment (ATE) program. This allows our individuals the opportunity to get out of the house and do arts and craft, field trips, and strengthen relationships among other Ron Wilson Center clients.

Training

We provide all necessary training including First Aid, CPR, and training in the Oregon Intervention System (OIS), which teaches skills for handling escalated situations, how to deescalate people, and how to prevent them from escalating. Our practice is that we will not put anyone in a situation that they have not been trained for.

Wages and Benefits

Our starting wage currently is \$9.25. Employees are eligible for raises upon completion of the 6 month introductory period and annually thereafter.

Employees may qualify for the following:

Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance Life Insurance Retirement Plan

Also, we offer supplemental insurance through AFLAC