State-of-the-art facility for adults with disabilities

Free services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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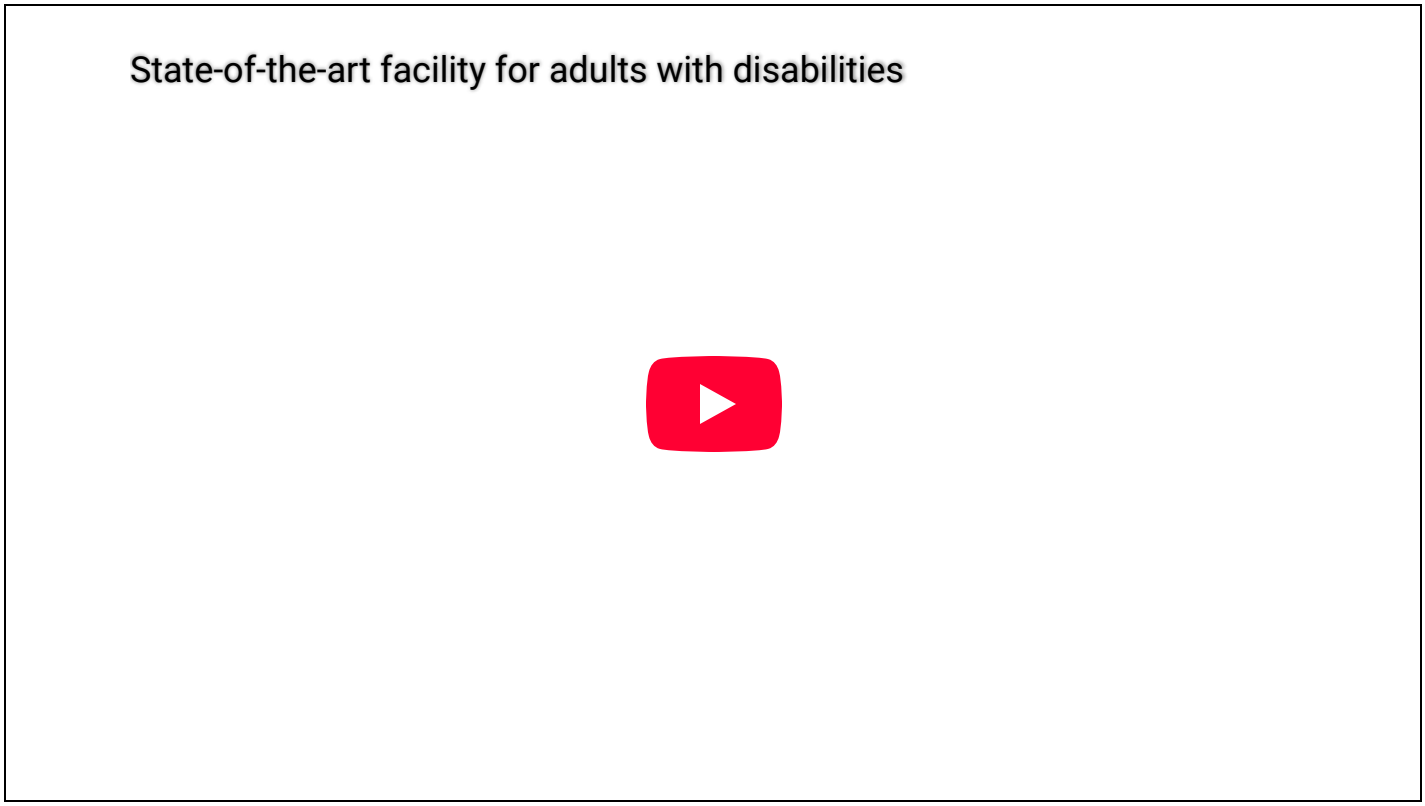

A state-of-the-art facility that serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities has opened in Paramus by New Concepts for Living. The nonprofit offers a range of free services there, including therapeutic and recreational, through the support of the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities. Patients have a variety of conditions including autism, Down syndrome and other rare conditions.

“New Concepts for Living runs group homes known as community residences for special-need adults 21 and over,” said Steve Setteducati, CEO of the nonprofit. “The education system goes to 18 and then from 18 to 21 is a different program. Then they are out of that system and the guardians and parents are looking for some sort of

future for their loved ones." He said the new site, which replaced a former Barnes & Nobles store, is about eight times the size of the former home in Rochelle Park that it's replacing, and about 300 people are on the waiting list for Paramus.

Lisa Rollins, whose son attends a day program at Paramus, said, "When I walked through these doors, I started to tear up. I'm about to now, because so many people look at our children and don't think they deserve the best. This is the best. To come here and see how many things they have put in place for him and the trips and the amount of care. My son has been at other facilities, and nothing matches what this place does."

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