



Special Tree is proud to offer an array of services created specifically to serve the needs of children and teens with brain injuries. The programs focus on self-awareness, community exploration and peer relationships. Dr. Charles Pelshaw, a leading area pediatric physiatrist, serves as the Medical Director for all of Special Tree's Children's Services. An interdisciplinary rehabilitation team works with every student and their family to foster improved functional skills and increased independence. Cost effective and customized to each participant's individual goals, our comprehensive programs include:

- Discover! Summer Rehabilitation Program (June-August)
- Discover! After-School Programming (September-May)
- Outpatient Services and Academic Support
- Transitional Education Services
- Residential Living
- Youth Work Programs
- Inpatient Care and Rehabilitation at our NeuroCare Center

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Discover! Summer Rehabilitation Program

This innovative day treatment program, which runs from June through August each summer, helps students explore their potential within a carefully crafted summer rehabilitation setting. Students participate in educational community outings, structured group tasks, and physical conditioning activities. The programming is so rich, the students call it 'camp' – even though it's designed with a therapeutic focus. Highlights have included wheelchair-accessible hot air balloon rides; visits from NASCAR racing legend Ernie Irvan and driver Jerry Nadeau; outings to places like the Toledo Zoo, Comerica Cityfest, Detroit Parade Company, and the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse; an introduction to the broadcasting industry from Fox 2 Newscaster Ron Savage, and more.



The Discover Summer program is based from locations in Livonia, Troy, Romulus and Fenton. The Fenton location is operated in partnership with Functional Recovery, Inc., a home and community-based rehabilitation provider. Led by Char Burbury Combs, OTR, Functional Recovery provides therapeutic interventions for adults and children with traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and other neurological or orthopedic impairments. Special Tree and Functional Recovery have teamed up for the Discover! Summer program since 2004.

**Discover! After School Program**

Focusing on Skills for Life, the After School Program centers around academic support, personal development, and helping students develop skills to navigate their daily routines. The "Skills for Life" design helps participants succeed in all areas of their life—as a student at school, as a family member at home, with friends, and in their community. Students participate in one-on-one tutoring, peer activities, community outings and traditional therapies. Programming runs from September through May, weekdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. based from the Troy Neuro Skills Center and the Livonia Student Center.

Outpatient Services and Academic Support

Individual therapies can be coordinated as a complement to the Discover! Summer or After School programs, or as stand alone treatment. Special Tree offers a comprehensive selection of services to help clients make functional progress, increase their level of activity and participation in community settings, and achieve a desirable lifestyle. Outpatient services may be conducted at a Special Tree therapy clinic or in a home or community setting. Students may also participate in one-to-one academic tutoring where they may focus on studying particular academic subjects, time management, strategies for completing homework assignments, and more.

Therapy may be provided individually or as part of an interdisciplinary team approach and can include:

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Language Pathology
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Massage Therapy
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Psychiatry
- Nutrition Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Academic Support
- Transitional Education Services

Transitional Education Services

Brain Injury is a developing disability, and as children and adolescents go through the various developmental stages in life, Special Tree can help them learn skills to manage those transitions. Working with a student and their family to learn about their overall goals, Special Tree provides students with comprehensive transition planning and neuroeducation consulting based on their strengths, needs, and preferences. Our Transitional Education Specialist serves as a liaison between students, families, schools and rehabilitation professionals. Students go through transitions everywhere: moving from hospital to home, school to school, class to extracurricular activities, semester to semester, adolescence to adulthood, and more. With this critical link between education and rehabilitation in place, students can focus on building skills and on achieving academic success.



Residential Living

Special Tree now offers a state-of-the-art residential program for children and teens with brain injuries. Our community residence in Royal Oak was completely redesigned in 2007 to provide for the specific needs of young people. The 4,000 square foot, carefully renovated house is less than five miles from our Troy Neuro Skills Center and just minutes from Royal Oak's bustling downtown amenities. Programming focuses on helping children successfully transition through elementary and high school to graduation; and on to college and the work world.

To make a referral or arrange for a personal tour, please contact Peggy Allen Bock at 734-341-5603.

Youth Work Programs

Our continuum of Youth Work Programs enables students ages 14 & older to participate in pre-vocational rehabilitation, job skills development, and employability skills training. Students first enter our Work Readiness programs to learn good work habits and the interpersonal skills necessary to get and keep a job. Our partnership with Goodwill Industries is a one-of-a-kind arrangement which helps ensure students will experience both success and enjoyment in the Youth Work Programs. Goodwill is a Tier One supplier to the auto industry, and is a QS-9000 and ISO-9002 certified supplier maintaining very high quality standards. Students building Work Readiness skills may also participate in our Ready-to-Shine student run car wash where they are involved in all aspects of 'running the business.' Daily feedback from staff helps support and encourage students as they build confidence and employable skills. After participating in our Work Readiness training, students are then able to move into a supported employment environment or into a competitive employment atmosphere. Continual job coaching and skill building helps ensure success in the workplace for all student participants.



Inpatient Care and Rehabilitation at our NeuroCare Center

Special Tree offers 24-hour skilled nursing and rehabilitation services at our NeuroCare Inpatient Center in Romulus. The NeuroCare Center includes a full-service therapy clinic, 24-hour nursing and respiratory services, indoor and outdoor pools for aquatic therapy, and more. Depending on the severity of the injury, rehabilitation is focused on helping children and adults return to their home and family, transition through school, or on preparing for an alternative living environment offering supervision, care and continuing treatment. Special Tree's caring, experienced staff help each person increase and maintain functional skills to access a wide range of activities in the community.