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GENERAL INFORMATION

- ▶ **The Heartspring School** is a private, not-for-profit, day and residential/boarding school that serves boys and girls ages 5-21, with special needs. Students come to Heartspring with various disabilities such as autism, communication disorders, hearing and/or vision impairments, and other developmental and intellectual disabilities. The majority of our students also have challenging behaviors.
- ▶ The **primary focus** of our program is to teach the child to become as independent as possible. We design each student's educational program based on his or her strengths, weaknesses, and needs. Our program is delivered through an integrated team approach in the classroom and residential settings, and supported by our psychology, therapy, and medical staff. Each student's program is highly individualized and based on an IEP, developed for the student, with active participation of the parents, the sending school district, and any other agency or organization that is involved in the care and treatment of the child.
- ▶ Each **classroom** has 4-8 students, a board certified special education teacher, and additional para-educators for direct instructional support. School hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM. However, we feel that all aspects of a student's day involve learning, and therefore, our students participate in many community outings and activities as well.
- ▶ Heartspring has 7 **group homes**, each supervised by a Home Coordinator and a Home Coordinator Assistant, along with a Third Shift Supervisor. Additional para-educators are utilized for direct instructional support, including two awake para-educators during the third shift. Each student has his/her own bedroom. Six group homes are on-campus and house 8 students each. The 7th group home is in a nearby neighborhood, and is designed for students who will soon be transitioning to a less structured, more independent setting.
- ▶ Students eat **breakfast and lunch**, Monday-Friday in the school cafeteria. On evenings and weekends, students eat in the dining room in the group homes.
- ▶ Heartspring utilizes **certified and credentialed therapists** which includes 2 occupational therapists, 3 speech therapists, and 1 physical therapist. The therapists provide services to each student according to their IEP and work with the classroom and home staff to provide a comprehensive approach to therapy.
- ▶ The **Psychology Department** consists of 6 professionals:
 - 3 doctorate level psychologists, (one who is also a BCBA and licensed school psychologist)
 - 3 behavior specialists (one who is a BCBA and one who is a licensed school psychologist)These professionals oversee all behavioral programming for students. This includes designing, training on, and implementing the behavior support plan (Student Support Plan) and analyzing the behavior data that is taken around the clock.
- ▶ The **Medical Department** is comprised of a developmental pediatrician, a nurse practitioner, 3 RN's, 1 LPN and 1 CMA. In addition, Heartspring consults with a pediatric psychiatrist and a pediatric neurologist. The medical staff is on campus, or on-call, 24 hours a day.
- ▶ Heartspring is **licensed** by the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, as a Level-5 facility (meaning, we are not a "locked-down" facility). We are also approved by the US Immigration & Custom Enforcement's Student and Exchange Visitors Program (SEVP), meaning we can accept international students.

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