

South East  
Consortium



# South East Consortium Social Programs

Austin Cunney – South East Consortium



# Social Programs Offered by South East

At their core, all programs provided are designed with socialization as a primary goal.

Friday Programs: Travel Club, Movies and More, Friday Fun

Self Advocacy Club

Monthly Dance Parties



# Payment

South East Consortium is a Respite Agency under the OPWDD

South East bills Medicaid and/or OPWDD directly for individuals in their care

Individuals who are non billable (group home residents, those who have been rejected by OPWDD) are assessed higher out of pocket fees.

# Payment (cont.)

Each individual will be assessed one of three out of pocket fees

**OPWDD/Waiver-** Assessed to billable individuals. Covers non-billable expenses

**Transitional/Group Home-** Assessed to those either awaiting Medicaid paperwork or those living in group home settings. Fee is higher due to inability to bill the state.

**Direct Cost-** Assessed to individuals who have been rejected by Medicaid/ otherwise unbillable.

# Example of our fees

## Alamo Draft House Program

**OPWDD/WAIVER: \$45.00**

**Group Home/Transitional: \$72.00**

**Direct Cost: \$120.00**

# Funding



South East Consortium is comprised of 14 municipalities in South Eastern Westchester

Municipalities provide funding based on the number of constituents enrolled in our program.

Additional grants from the BET Community Fund and annual fundraisers

# Self-Direction

As a respite agency, South East Consortium does accept Self-Direction. Services are typically reimbursable through the individual's fiscal intermediary.

SEC works alongside many FI's to ensure that budgets accurately reflect the participation of the individual.

# Intake Process

South East Consortium accepts individuals aged 5 and up. There is no maximum age for participation.

SEC provides priority registration for individuals living within one of the 14 consortium municipalities.

Non-residents are accepted at program (space permitting) if they are OPWDD eligible and are respite approved.

# Intake Process

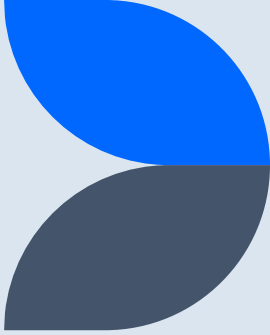
Interested families can contact the SEC office directly to schedule an intake meeting with a program supervisor.

Supervisor will make contact with the individual's CM to collect necessary paperwork.

Families will make a RecDesk account through our site which will allow them to register for program and manage their invoices.

Up to date physicals are mandatory and must be submitted to SEC prior to enrollment.

# Our Staff



South East Consortium employs 5 full-time staff members and between 40-60 part-time members based on the season. (Summers see higher employment due to summer camp)

All members of our staff are trained in accordance with OPWDD standards. Crisis prevention training, sexual abuse recognition and CPR/AED trainings are also required for our staff.

SEC employs a 3:1 staff ratio at our weekly programs, and a 5:1 ration on overnights and other extended trips. Enrollment in these programs is contingent on previously demonstrated behavior on trips.

SEC does not offer 1:1 support

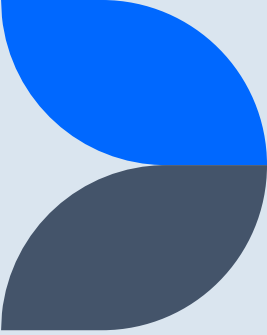
# Our Staff

Our staff come from varied walks of life, many working in education, psychology or other direct support professional roles.

In addition to program aides, SEC employs program instructors to run and oversee the program as a whole.

SEC employs bus drivers who provide transportation for select programs and serve as DSP's while program is taking place.

# Our Staff

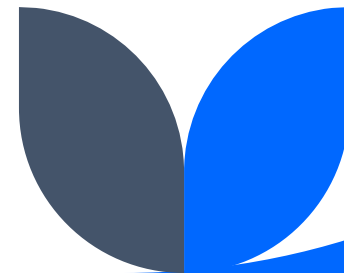


# Age Groups Covered

Youth programs: 5-13. These include our Summer Camps, tri-sports, tumble time, and Saturday Swim.

Teen programs:13-18. These include Friday fun and Teen Chefs

Teen and Up: 14+ These include play production, partners in sports, travel club, movies and more, and the majority of our trips and special events.



# Nature of our Programs

Currently, SEC is back to in-person programs. During the pandemic, Zoom-based programs were offered successfully.

Based on demand, SEC offers occasional Zoom programs, including our Monkey bread workshop and Irish Soda bread workshop.

Programs are hosted in facilities provided by our partner municipalities. Door to door transportation is available for select programs for those living within the consortium area.



# Travel Club

Meets weekly from 6:00-10:00 on Friday evenings. Runs three seasons out of the year.

Group size varies between 20-25 each season. Typical ages range from 16-35

Every other week, the group enjoys “out-nights” into the community (movies, bowling, arcades, live shows, etc.)

“In-nights” are held at The Sollazzo Center in Harrison

# Travel Club



# Movies & More

Meets weekly from 6:00-10:00 on Friday evenings. Runs three seasons out of the year.

Group size is roughly 20 people per season. Ages ranging from 30-65.

Every other week, the group enjoys “out-nights” into the community, mostly emphasizing trips to movie theaters. Includes live shows, trips to arcades, etc.

“In-nights” are held at The Senior Center in Harrison

# Movies & More



# Friday Fun

Meets monthly from 7:00pm-9:30pm on Fridays. Runs 3 sessions out of the year.

Group size varies between 5 and 18 per session. Typical ages range from 13-18

Individuals can choose to register for “In-Nights Only” or “In and Out-Nights”

“In-Nights” offer games, crafts, movies, and dinner. “Out-Nights” are community-based activities (bowling, movies, arcades, live shows, etc.)

“In- Nights” are held at the Haindl Field House in Eastchester.

# Friday Fun



# Our History

South East Consortium was founded in 1982 based on a perceived need for therapeutic recreation opportunities for individuals within the consortium area with special needs.

Over the years, SEC has developed a well rounded and diverse schedule of programs that offer individuals with year-round opportunities to develop skills and to engage socially with their peers.

# My Contact Info

I am happy to answer any and all questions regarding our programs, our intake procedures, or any other policies.

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