

Autism Society of the Bluegrass

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THE KELLY AUTISM PROGRAM *Western Kentucky University*



Clinical Education Complex Programs

**Early
Childhood
Program**

**Communication
Disorders
Clinic**

**Acquired
Brain Injury
Program**

**Family
Counseling
Services**

**Kelly
Autism
Program**



The Kelly Autism Program

**Promoting a Young Adult's Future
Growth in
Independence, Productivity and
Community Involvement**

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3 PROGRAMS

KAP

Middle School

High School

Post-Secondary

Ultimate Goal

- **Self-advocacy** for adolescents as they mature into productive citizens in the community
- This ambitious goal requires support in the education, social and job training areas!
- **THE primary player is YOU!**

Post-Secondary Possibility: A National Program of Distinction at Western Kentucky University

For students who qualify, support for academic, social success, and meaningful career planning:

- WKU: Community College and/or Main Campus
- Vocational / Technical School
- Residential and non-residential options available

Academic Support

- Assist with class selection
- Tutoring
- Study skills
- Test taking strategies
- Organizational skills
- Semester planning

Social Support

- Participation in college activities
- Participation in community
- Socials
- Interactions beyond those with the KAP staff (e.g., bringing a friend when going out to eat)

Emotional Support

- Dorm life
- Participant
- Family/Parents
- Friends
- Academics

Person Centered Planning

- Dream about the future
- Outline goals as to how to reach for their dreams
- Career/Employment
- Home living
- Recreation/Leisure
- Community Involvement

Program Requirements

- Take ACT
- Meet entrance requirements
- If these are not met, explore options such as the Community College
- Parent and participant interview
- Contract
- Cost

Western Kentucky University
and our community
have begun a journey together
to enhance the potential of each individual
in our Commonwealth

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