



AUSTIN'S PLACE • 447 DINNERBELL ROAD • BUTLER, PA

Mission Statement: *To provide specialized, intensive transitionally-focused training for young adults graduating from traditional school systems who are diagnosed with autism spectrum, developmental and intellectual disabilities and who are moderately to significantly impaired.*

VIP Spotlight

Welcome Bridget & Sara!

Austin's Place is excited to welcome two talented, dedicated, and hardworking women to the Austin's Place team. Bridget Reilly is the new Program Director and Sara Pittinaro is the new Program Specialist at Austin's Place.

Sara joined the Austin's Place team as the new Program Specialist in July. She previously held positions as a Child Development Specialist, and a Program Specialist in a residential setting. She has her Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

"After seeing the wonderful facility and meeting the management team, I knew I wanted to be a part of *this* team. I hope to get to know all the wonderful staff and clients, and ultimately help the clients increase their independence."

In her free time Sara enjoys spending time with family as well as going to the movies, reading, and playing board games.

Bridget joined the Austin's Place team as the new Program Director just this month! She started her career as a Direct Support Professional and most recently served as a Regional Director for Fayette Resources.

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She has her Bachelor's degree in Business Management and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Public Administration.

"When I first entered Austin's Place, I was impressed with the facility overall, but even more so with the heart and dedication the entire team puts in at Austin's Place. My goal as the new Director for Austin's Place is to be able to share my knowledge and passion with all team members, as well as continue to gain knowledge from them. I truly want to see Austin's Place grow and prosper in the years to come."

In her free time, Bridget enjoys spending time with her family, watching Pittsburgh sports, and getting outside as much as possible.



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A note from the President...

A New Season and New Staff

It's hard to believe summer has come and gone already. We've certainly enjoyed cooking out, swimming in the sun, and being outdoors as much as possible.

In June, we held our first ever (successful) Rummage Sale to continue our efforts in raising money for paving the walking trails on campus to make the outdoors more accessible for our clients. Thank you to all who helped, donated, and attended the event!

In July, our new Program Specialist Sara Pittinaro joined our team, and we sure are lucky to have her! Thank you Sara for the great work you are doing at Austin's Place.

In August, we got to enjoy a lot of wonderful vegetables from our garden. We hope to enjoy some pumpkins too in the coming fall months.

And, this month we head into the fall season with a lot to look forward to, and a new Program Director to lead the way! Bridget Reilly joined the team September 4 as the new Director. She brings an excellent skill set and a true passion for our mission. I'm excited to welcome her, and look forward to working with her.

Thank you all for a successful summer at Austin's Place, and for your continued support.

~ Bonnie Wilczynski, President

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