



New Star is a 501c3, not-for-profit organization that resulted from the 2016 merger of New Hope Center and SouthSTAR Services. We combined the best practices of both agencies to streamline our infrastructure, improve our service delivery, and expand our program offerings. Collectively, we offer our clients and their families over 110 years of history and experience when it comes to challenging the limits and changing the lives of individuals with disabilities.

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**WORK**

**LEARN**

**LIVE**

**THRIVE**



## Our Purpose

Every day, we renew our commitment to providing choices and opportunities for persons with disabilities and their families through a culture of innovation and caring, to enrich their lives and maximize their independence.

## Our Passion

Our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and funding partners are passionate about helping those we serve create meaningful days, productive years, and, ultimately, more fulfilling lives.

## Our People

New Star serves over 650 children and adults each day whose lives are impacted by mild to profound disabilities. Our service area reaches those living in and around the Chicagoland area and Northwest Indiana.

CARF Accredited  
DHS Illinois Licensed  
IFSSA Licensed

# Challenging Limits... Changing Lives

New Star is a 501c3, not-for-profit organization dedicated to challenging the limits and changing the lives of people with disabilities. We are continually restless in our determination to move beyond the status quo, helping our clients turn the seemingly IMPOSSIBLE into I'M POSSIBLE each day.

Our programs are founded upon our passion to create life-changing vocational, educational, therapeutic, and social opportunities for the amazing people we serve. From launching a client-operated electronics recycling service, to creating a nationally known advocacy program, to leading the way in innovative models of residential care, we continue to break down barriers and blaze new trails for children and adults with disabilities.

## Work

When it comes to vocational training and career development, New Star offers our clients a wide range of opportunities. From finding jobs within the community to training as a part of our e-recycling and janitorial teams, we help our clients find satisfying and lasting work by putting employment first and providing personalized supports every step of the way.

## Learn

Within our day programs, New Star clients enjoy a wide array of weekday activities that blend academics, life management skills, vocational services, and enrichment programs based upon goals articulated in their Individual Service Plan (ISP). We also offer High School Transition programs developed to meet the unique needs of individuals aged 16-21.

## Live

New Star's residential program helps our clients find the right balance between their desire for independence and their needs for supervised care. Our community living options include I-CILAs, CILAs, an ICF/DD, and Privately Owned Group Homes. We also offer Home-Based Support Services to help coordinate the care needed for individuals who wish to remain at home.

## Thrive

At New Star, we are passionate about self-advocacy. Whether speaking up about trying a new activity within New Star's Recreation Services, or speaking out through our nationally known advocacy group, our clients are taught how to communicate their needs, make positive changes within their environment, and take steps to improve the quality of their lives.

