

My name is Connie and this is my son Mark.



And this is his life at Tacachale.



Tacachale is not this....



This is where Mark starts each day.

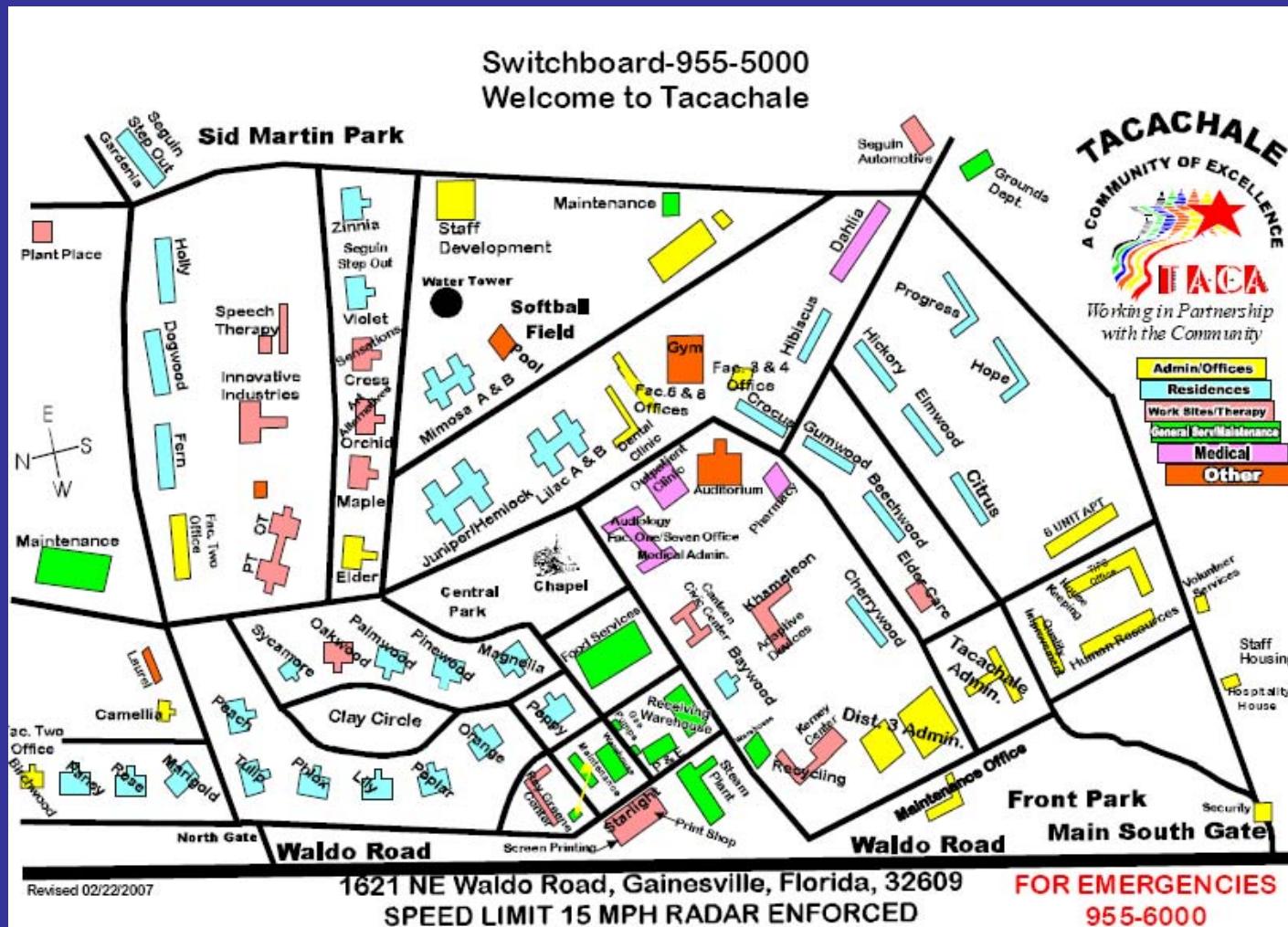


Tacachale is a Residential Center of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- Florida's oldest and largest residential community facility of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities – built 1920's
- 468 adult men and women live here in large homes at Tacachale
- Over 1200 employees provide around the clock care
- It is a community

Campus - 550 Acres

35 Residential Homes of 8-16 People each



The main gate is on Waldo Road and NE 16th Avenue



Who lives at Tacachale with Mark?

- Only adult men and women live at Tacachale
- Some are “legacy residents” and Tacachale has been their long-term home.
- Some are people who have complex medical problems and/or behavioral issues, who cannot be well served in a community group home setting
- Tacachale can offer more extensive care

Mark's days are a lot like our days.
Here he is at the bank, the canteen and at a
neighborhood barbershop



Staff members make sure Mark is out and about in Gainesville.



You can see the impact of the Guiding Principles of Care



1. Inclusion
2. Self-Determination



3. Individual plans for each person
4. Support to help every person reach their goals

Staff accompany Mark to offer support & help him communicate his choices



These are the people who give support to all residents:
cooks, physical therapists, maintenance workers, nurses,
home care staff, social workers, a chaplain, speech
therapists, dentists, doctors, dieticians, pharmacists,
volunteers, recreation and rehabilitation therapists -
and they help make Tacachale a community.



Staff work to provide a safe and healthy life for those who live at Tacachale. The campus has a dental clinic and a health clinic.



Almost ½ of the residents enjoy work opportunities to earn money.



There are many opportunities for recreation that are just as important



Families members from out of town, use the Hospitality House



Mark participates in everything Tacachale has to offer.



I wanted to tell Mark's story

- Because he is happy, healthy and secure at Tacachale
- I'm proud of the care that staff give him
- Tacachale is an important resource for families and it's residents



Tacachale Information

Want to Volunteer?

- Rosa Williams
- Volunteer Coordinator
- 955-5958

Want to make a donation?

- Becky Dobbin
- Community Relations
- 955-5675

Want a speaker?

- Trish King
- Speaker's Bureau
- 955-5754

Toll-free?

- 1-800-813-2241

Apply for a job?

- Human Resources
- 955-5074

Become a Guardian Advocate?

- Zvia McCormick
- Admissions/Discharges
- 955-5739

Superintendent?

- Don Thomas
- 955-5580

Speak to our Chaplain?

- Linda Ballard
- 955-5752