

**HISTORY:** South Bannock Group Home, which was licensed as an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) was opened in May, 1982, and supported fifteen adults with developmental disabilities. It was developed by Health West, Inc. in response to a need for residential services in the community for those individuals with severe developmental disabilities with family members in this area. It was, and continues to be, funded by Title XIX (Medicaid) although currently as an eight-bed home in a new physical location, 3875 South Bannock Highway. South Park, Inc. was formed in May, 1985 and the association with Health West was severed. In March, 1987, Rulon House, a second home for eight adults was developed in response to a need for additional residential services within the community. Like South Bannock Group Home, Rulon House was licensed as an ICF/ID facility funded by Title XIX. The home is located at 2369 Rulon Street. South Park, Inc. also opened Eastside Place, a day activity training program for residents of South Bannock Group Home and Rulon House. Eastside was located at 116 South 6th and was opened in April, 1988. In August, 1988, South Park, Inc. began a Community Support Services Program and requested United Campaign assistance specifically for this program for 1989. The program is designed to support individuals with developmental disabilities in their own homes and apartments in the community. Today it operates as a community based Residential Habilitation program both in Pocatello and Shelley.

In February, 1991, the residents of South Bannock Group Home were allowed to move into two, new eight-bed homes and the fifteen bed location was abandoned. The new homes were state-of-the-art and fully wheelchair accessible. They were designed as typical homes that non-disabled individuals would be proud to own. The new South Park Group Home was renamed South Bannock Group Home and is located at 3875 South Bannock Highway, overlooking Riverside Golf Course. The other new home, Church Hill Downs Group Home, is located at 1722 Church Hill Downs in the Olympus Heights subdivision.

In 1995, Benton Development Center, a private developmental disabilities program, was opened by the corporation. This was a center-based program designed to provide training in activities of daily living. After two years, a decision was made to close the center and provide all services either from the person's home or at the community location where the activity took place. This was an extremely successful venture which provided functional learning for the participants. Regrettably, the decision was made in 2007 to close the program due to an inability to obtain adequate staff to maintain the licensure of the program.

Targeted Service and Early Service Coordination were started at about the same time. These programs provided advocacy services to both adults and children. The primary thrust was to insure that each participant received the scope and quality of services they were entitled to receive. Reimbursement changes caused these programs to close in 2010.

Residential Habilitation is a waived program for persons who elect to waive their right to ICF/ID care. Each participant must qualify for ICF/ID level of care but may choose to receive those services in their own home or apartment. This move away from the congregate living structure of a typical ICF/ID is a very successful alternative for many ICF/ID level of care participants.

1999 yielded an expansion into Shelley, Idaho, where the corporation took over management of a small program providing Residential Habilitation services to two individuals. This has since expanded to four individuals in a duplex living situation with the primary services being Residential Habilitation and Personal Care Services. It is a very successful model which we hope to replicate in the future in the southeastern counties.

In 2000, the corporation initiated a vocational services program. This program primarily offered community supported employment involving a job coach and long-term supports. While the program was extremely successful with the participants involved, we were unable to generate enough referrals to make the program profitable. Therefore, the program was discontinued in 2003.

As part of the evolution of services, a new service, Adult Day Care, was initiated in 2002. While the corporation mission and philosophy are not entirely supportive of this level of service, a program was opened to respond to a need of the community. It closed from 2004 until 2009 when increased referrals suggested a reemerging need in the community. This program operated until 2012 when a decision to close the program was made based on a lack of referrals.

In December, 2004, we were able to purchase the Administrative Office building now occupied by the corporation. This is the first purchase of real estate made by the corporation since its inception. In July of 2006, we were able to purchase a private home for Residential Habilitation services located at 3801 Stockman Road. Three individuals reside in this home and live a very normal lifestyle. The goal is to acquire more properties in the future and possibly build a replacement home for the Rulon property. The Board hopes this will provide the corporation with long term financial stability and expansion capabilities.

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