

Our Impact

Clinical and therapeutic staff at client sites often report that their residents make critical advances during our programs. As a result, some of our partners have worked with us for over two decades

"Lack of motivation stands as a powerful obstacle between developmentally disabled adults and their growth. ... A dog can come up... and the person can touch it, initiating a movement that may achieve an occupational therapy goal. The Nature Connection brings joy and excitement. It's the biggest best thing we can give to people aside from basic food and housing."

Emily Firor

Director | Minute Man Arc Day Habilitation (Concord, MA)



"When you arrive here in cars loaded with everything from cuddly dogs and mysterious owls, to plants and deer antlers, the imaginations and very lives of the people living here are brightened and made fuller."

Daniel Thibert

Life Skills Educator | Concord House



"There are some very important shifts that take place in the groups including: increased positive affect, active participation, increased socialization, and decreased anxiety. The Nature Connection [helps to] break down barriers and encourage socialization."

Elana Clamen, M.A.

Activities Director, Elder Service Plan | Cambridge Health Alliance



"When The Nature Connection is here, the behavioral issues go away. I've seen it. The program is powerful medicine because it grounds [the children] to nature and to themselves, and connects them to each other through the animals."

Erica Nazzaro

Clinical Coordinator of Intensive Foster Care | The Home for Little Wanderers

