

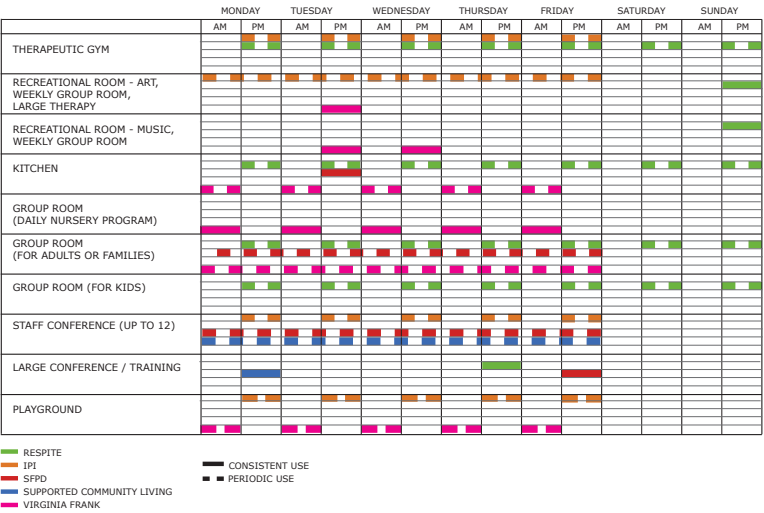
THE BUILDING

- 16,000 SF building
- \$5.5 million construction costs
- LEED Gold Certified

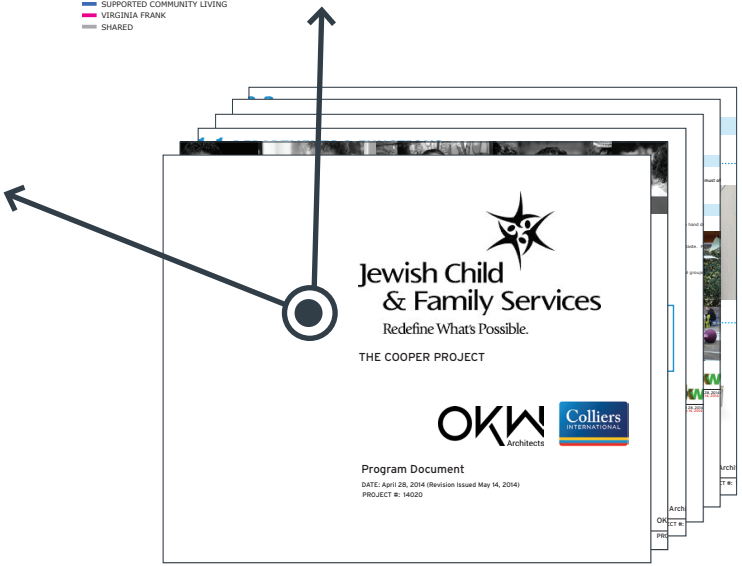
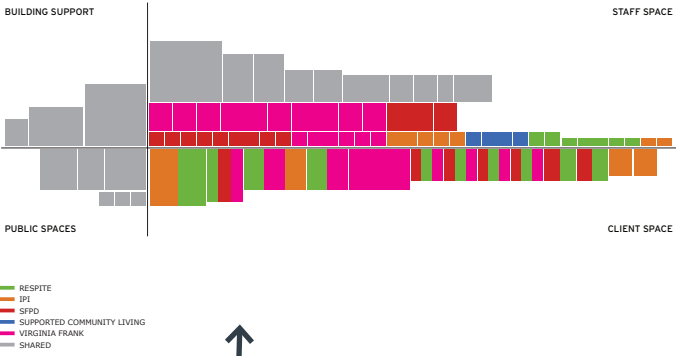
THE OWNER

- An agency of the Jewish Federation
- Serves children and adults with developmental disabilities
- Provides diverse services

1.3 REQUIRED SPACES & DIAGRAM OF USAGE



2.4 PROGRAM AREAS BY DEPARTMENT



case study: Jewish Child and Family Services

Chicago, Illinois

The JCFS Cooper Center provides a place for therapy and support to children and adults diagnosed with developmental disabilities, thanks to support from generous donors who saw a need within their community.

A 16,000 SF single-story building in the West Rogers Park, the building is split into four primary functions: entry and waiting, therapy, administrative offices, community/conference. These functions needed to be both metaphorically separate and physically separate in order to respect the agency's numerous privacy requirements. OKW planned the building for this separation but with a critical nod to future flexibility in order to meet the ever-changing needs of the community.

OKW realized JCFS's vision for the Cooper Center through the following extensive efforts:

- Detailed program analysis** with the goal of eliminating built square footage (and therefore construction cost). This building was the first time that five groups within the agency would co-exist and OKW sought to find overlap between their space requirements through calendar studies and infographics.
- Translating user specificities** into the design. The design team extensively researched spatial theories as they relate to children and adults with developmental disabilities before and throughout the design process.
- Showcasing sustainability** and its relationship to long-term energy savings for institutional owners. Now LEED Gold Certified, the building features an impressive solar array and an innovative VRF HVAC system.

