Devereux California’s Greenhouse vocational program offers the adults in our care the opportunity to develop horticultural skills, and acquire job and customer service training. Our individuals learn the basics of gardening at the 2,000 square foot Greenhouse in Goleta, while growing succulents, herbs, vegetables and decorative plants – at a low cost – for the local areas of Goleta and Santa Barbara. Greenhouse participants gain an understanding of potting and watering skills, and learn about photosynthesis and general horticulture best practices for desert plants, vegetables, flowers and herbs.

Our adults sell these plants at local farmers markets, civic events and at the Devereux California Greenhouse every Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Individuals share in the work, as well as the proceeds, from their sales.

Management of the Greenhouse falls under Devereux California’s Adult Day Program administrative staff, led by retail sales veteran Christine Niro.

### ABOUT DEVEREUX CALIFORNIA

Founded in 1945, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health California provides a continuum of care for adults, ages 18 and older, with diagnoses such as intellectual and developmental disabilities, emotional and behavioral challenges, autism spectrum disorders, and other cognitive issues.

Devereux California offers residential services and day programs that include vocational, therapeutic, educational and recreational activities.

The adults we serve live in supported living homes and in adult residential facilities. Devereux California also provides respite care for seniors.

All programs and services are person-centered, and designed to help each individual develop the necessary skills to increase independence and enhance their overall quality of life.

### Donate:

If you would like to make a financial contribution to Devereux California – to benefit the adults in our care – please visit us at www.devereuxca.org.

Donations also may be sent via U.S. mail to:

**Devereux California**

P.O. Box 6784

Santa Barbara, CA 93160

(805) 968-2525 [administrative offices, Goleta, CA]
OUR GREENHOUSE: VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Devereux California’s Greenhouse program exemplifies the very best in pre-vocational training and skill building for individuals with disabilities.

Any adult enrolled in this weekly Adult Day Program may participate in our Greenhouse activities. Individuals have the option of working on projects independently, or within groups overseen by staff. In addition to acquiring horticulture skills, adults learn how to design flower arrangements and construct wooden planters that are sold with the plants.

Our staff members encourage program participants to be creative, collegial, and communicate with colleagues, as well as their customers. Individuals benefit from a structured curriculum where they learn at their own pace.

Adults who participate in the Devereux California Greenhouse program gain self-confidence and take pride in their work – as well as their financial earnings. The program also allows individuals to become active in the community through plant and seedling sales.

To learn more about our Greenhouse catalog, or to arrange for plant/flower sales at your company or organization, please email Chris Niro at cniro@devereux.org, or call our Adult Day Program (805) 879-0309.

OUR IMPACT …

“We have a wonderful and very productive team at the Greenhouse. Everyone has their choice of projects, and there is always work to be done. The individuals we serve are incredibly talented and creative, and it is inspiring to watch them unlock their human potential, as they learn new skills, and experience success and achievement on a daily basis.”

— Chris Niro, Devereux California, Greenhouse program lead staff member

“Our Greenhouse Vocational Program reflects our commitment to person-centered approaches to enhance overall well-being for our individuals. It is a vital aspect of skill building and independence for all who participate, and also connects Devereux California to the local community through our marketing and sales.”

— Shannon Brunner, Devereux California, program director

About Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health is one of the largest and most advanced behavioral healthcare organizations in the country. Founded in 1912 by special education pioneer Helena Devereux, we are a national nonprofit partner for individuals, families, schools and communities, serving many of the most vulnerable members of our society in the areas of autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, specialty mental health, and child welfare.

We are guided by our mission: To change lives by unlocking and nurturing human potential for people with emotional, behavioral or cognitive differences. To learn more, visit www.devereux.org.