Cloverdale:

a place where the 1st step signals the beginning of hope



The educational goals at Cloverdale Developmental Center in Farmington are different from those of most schools

The children at the school are severely mentally impaired.

Teaching a teenage child to walk can be an important milestone culminating weeks of work.

Self-care tasks such as feeding and dressing are important parts of the curriculum.

The school serves youngsters from 10 neighboring school districts.

Students at the school range from birth to 25-years of age.

Funded by the Oakland Intermediate School District, the facility spends nearly four times more a pupil than most, districts spend for a student enrolled in regular grades.

The center is a ray of hope providing meaningful training for the youngsters.



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