

PASC

An Art and Design Studio for Disabled Artists



Progressive Art Studio Collective (PASC) is a dedicated art and design studio with a professional gallery for disabled artists. PASC will use a “progressive art studio” structure, an effective model adopted by many disability programs across the United States. This structure encourages participants to develop their own independent art practices, supported by a staff of professional artists who help them launch careers in the fields of art and design. PASC will be the first progressive art studio in Detroit and Wayne County, and will join an international network of successful peer studios.

Six years ago STEP (Services to Enhance Potential) launched the Art in the Market program in Eastern Market, a series of classes aimed at instructing adults with developmental disabilities and mental health issues in the fundamentals of art. The program began with one small class of 15 artists and grew to over 100 participants a week. STEP is launching PASC to expand this program into a collective of dedicated art and design studios based on a participant-driven structure. PASC will run an art gallery presenting rotating exhibitions, and public programs open to everyone.

PASC puts disabled artists in control to drive their experience and education. At PASC self-expression is an empowerment tool where art and design are vehicles for communication, connection, and independence. At PASC disability is understood not as a lack of ability, but as a powerful and unique way of seeing, sensing, and being in the world.

We will launch three studios: a Detroit Studio, opening January 2021; a Westland Studio, opening February 2021; and a Southgate Studio, opening April 2021. We are also launching a Virtual Art Studio in January 2021 to support participants unable to physically access the studios.

Our studios will be open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm. Participants can choose to attend for a full or half day, as many days a week as they wish. There are no out of pocket costs for the program for those covered by Medicaid, and scholarships are available to cover those not on Medicaid or outside Wayne County.

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Artwork by STEP artist Stanley Brown



What will PASC do?

- ☆ Provide a dedicated studio where participant artists create art and design in a supportive environment
- Advance an individualized approach where participant artists direct their own education and career paths
- * Sustain an environment of creative professionalism where participant artists learn with other arts professional peers: local artists, designers and curators active in the art world
- ~ Host a dynamic online studio program to support participant artists unable to physically access the studio
- ☆ Create opportunities for hard and soft skill development, income and employment
- Establish a gallery where art and design by participant artists is presented in professionally curated exhibitions, and sold to the public, with 60% of the sale going to the participant
- * Boost knowledge around contemporary art through visiting Detroit area galleries and art museums, and participating in lectures and studio visits with contemporary artists
- Offer a program with no out of pocket costs for those covered by Medicaid, with scholarships to cover those not on Medicaid or outside Wayne County.



PASC is a program of Services to Enhance Potential (STEP) a non-profit service organization, founded in 1972, that provides services and supports for 1300+ individuals with disabilities and mental health issues in Southeastern Michigan. STEP's mission is to support individuals in the pursuit of their chosen goals and to achieve personal satisfaction in their lives. www.stepcentral.org