



FAP
FRIENDS OF AUTISTIC PEOPLE

is planning a **FARM**

We are planning to establish a farm in Southwestern Connecticut where our children with autism will live after they have matured into adulthood at age 18 to 21. To do this we have formed a committee that is actively working on the plan.

WHY A FARM?

We find that our children do well in a natural environment. They love to walk; they like animals and just enjoy being outdoors. We aim to set the farm up with all the programs needed for them to participate in both the farm and broader communities, and to lead comfortable, active and meaningful lives. We will ensure that individual learning styles and preferences are considered when setting up daily schedules. There will be a kaleidoscope of choices in work and leisure activities, including activities in the broader community, such as, gardening, maintenance, house keeping, cooking, woodworking, light farming, animal care, weaving, lawn work, and office work. We will hire and train people who are enthusiastic about working with our children and helping them develop a sense of purpose and self-esteem in a wholesome environment. There will be interaction with the local community through farm festivals, through the use of the community's resources (shopping, libraries, movies, malls, etc.), and partnering with other community groups.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

We hold regular meetings and all members commit to **ACTIVELY** work to make the farm a reality. We define the needs, look for the land and supports, and raise funds.

INTERESTED?

We would like more parents to join us to bring our plans to fruition.

If you are interested in finding out more about the FARM, please email Brita Darany at bridaranyi@aol.com or call 203-661-8510.