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South County Adult Day Services showcases improvements at Laguna Woods center



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A ribbon-cutting ceremony for South County Adult Day Services was held on Friday, May 19, in Laguna Woods.

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About 250 people attended the South County Adult Day Services open house in Laguna Woods on Friday, May 19.

Though the site at 24260 El Toro Road opened in November, the open house last week came as the center's services are "in place, intact and fully functional," said [Jim McAleer](#), president and CEO of Alzheimer's Orange County.

McAleer's organization partnered with South County Adult Day Services last year to offer more services to seniors. The center is also open to people with [Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases](#), in addition to those who have a history of strokes.

Since November, McAleer said, some of the improvements include an outfitted gym and the food being served on dishware instead of paper plates.

McAleer said the center's goal is to "provide a positive environment for seniors with medical needs."

"We have to provide quality health care and socialization for seniors who need it while giving the family a break," McAleer said.

Other features at the center, in which about 60 seniors are currently enrolled, include an activity room, quiet room, patio and kitchen area.

The center also offers physical therapy, speech therapy and medical supervision for seniors.

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