The Alleman Center of the Lafayette Association for Retarded Citizens is one of the most comprehensive and effective aggregations of projects for the care, training, and employment of the mentally retarded in the south. It provides services for all ages and all degrees of mental retardation.

The Alleman Center is located on a thirty acre site off Ridge Road on the northside of Lafayette and includes the New Hope Day Developmental Training Facility, New Hope Work Activities Center, New Hope-Shepherd Workshop, New Hope Evaluation and Training Facility, the Early Intervention Program, and the Acadian Village and Tropical Gardens.

The New Hope Developmental Training Center's primary function is to build parenting competencies, to provide vocational, psychological, and social-rehabilitation and job placement for the handicapped.

The Early Intervention Program, housed at the Lafayette General Hospital, is designed to provide handicapped children, ages 0-3, with individualized comprehensive developmental programs and provide the parents with the information and skills necessary to implement these programs in the home. The Early Intervention Program also serves to make parents of handicapped infants aware of the various agencies in the community that may improve medical, social, and educational services.

The Lafayette Association for Retarded Citizens, which is a UGF member organization, is an established labor association, a labor for the training and employment of the handicapped, and as a source of monetary support for Alleman Center Projects.

Twenty-Four hour Residential Care Services will be provided for Acadian Village residents who may not be able to return to a supervised environment.

The Acadian Village & Tropical Gardens serve as an established labor association, a labor for the training and employment of the handicapped, and as a source of monetary support for Alleman Center Projects.