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Day program supervisor Dauri Bastian, right, works with BRASC participant Heidi Hill last year.

The Bear River Activityand Skill Center is now the Developmental Skills Laboratory, or DSL. Program Coordinator Drake Rasmussen said the change reflects the DSL's relationship with Utah State University.

The DSL programs designed to support adults with relatively severe disabilities by training and maintaining the skills necessary for their greatest independence. In addition, it provides participants with activities that encourage their inclusion into the community.

Its name change underscores the program's role as a place for research and real world experience. Students in both speech and music therapy come regularly to work with DSL participants and receive training in a real environment. The DSL is also the setting for graduate-level behavioral research.

In addition to the name change, the DSL welcomes its new day program supervisor. Dauri Bastian has worked at BRASC for three years and will now replace Suzanne Wiser.

I want to help each individual participant reach his or her full potential by creating a warm and inviting environment," said Bastian. She plans to focus on social relationships and learning activities.