



# INDEPENDENCE NETWORK

2010-2011

ANNUAL REPORT

## FAST FACTS

- 6 classrooms
- 29 part-time or full time staff
- 93 students served
- 85% of funding from SARC
- 15% of funding from apportionment

## PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Independence Network (IN) is a day program that assists developmentally disabled adults.

- Classes provide student centered instruction based on individual needs.
- Classroom activities emphasize real-life activities in integrated environments that are appropriate for adults.
- Classes provides instruction in basic academic skills in accordance with student skill level, may included basic money management.

Classes are in session Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

## PARTNERSHIPS

- San Andres Regional Center (SARC) provides funding to the program as a day center.
- Friends of Independence Network students (FINS) a newly formed parent group, coordinates fundraising for the program.
- Career Center CalWorks program sends clients to volunteer in the classroom.
- Santa Clara University Arrupe program sends SCU students to volunteer in the classroom, approximately one student per quarter.

- Outreach Transportation – an IN teacher attends board meetings quarterly in order to facilitate a good working relationship which in turn helps to keep outside transportation running smoothly for IN students.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IN has undergone a huge transition this past year because of budget constraints at the state level. The program has successfully down-sized from serving 92 students to 64 (maximum). Classrooms have down sized from 6 to 4 and staff has been down sized from 20 life skill para-educators to 16; in addition the work hours were reduced from 6 hours per day to 5. IN also laid off 1 full time teacher and 4 part time teachers. The remaining 4 teachers took a reduction in pay. This shrinking of the program has allowed IN to continue to exist under the adult education umbrella. Major changes are always difficult but all staff has met the challenge.

## RESULTS

- FINS conducted a successful donation campaign.
- Independence Network continues to offer services during the 2011-2012 school year.

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