



# INDEPENDENCE NETWORK

2012-2013

ANNUAL REPORT

## FAST FACTS

- 5 classrooms
- 17 part-time or full time staff
- 60 unduplicated students served
- 100% of funding from SARC

## 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), which has a 501C3 status and is a parent group, coordinates fundraising for the program.
- Santa Clara University Arrupe program sends SCU students to volunteer in the classroom, approximately 1-3 students per quarter.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IN continues to decrease at a slow pace in order to meet the 3:1 student ratio that is mandated by SARC. The goal is to have 2 classrooms with 6 staff (1 teacher and 5 para-educators) and 18 students and one classroom with 5 (1 teacher and 4 para-educators) staff and 15 students. Once the goal of 51 students has been met the down sizing process will be complete. IN is very close to reaching that goal. This year IN was fiscally sound and did not require additional funding from the school. This is a huge accomplishment for IN! The staff continues to mature and grow as professionals.

As the school continued with bond work the program did manage to stay operational in spite of driveway and parking lot closures.

In the upcoming year the program plans to hire a supervisor who will be devoted to continuous improvement and updating the curriculum and instruction for Independence Network. IN will also be working with the school as it prepares for a WASC accreditation in 2015.

## RESULTS

- Independence Network continued to offer classes during the 2012-2013 school year and stayed within its budget.
- Continues to offer weight training classes and Zumba twice a week.
- Held all day in-service training for all staff on confidentiality and dealing with difficult behaviors.

## CONTACT

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