



# INDEPENDENCE NETWORK

2013-2014

ANNUAL REPORT

## Fast Facts

- 5 classrooms
- 17 part-time or full time staff
- 51 unduplicated students served
- 100% of funding from SARC
- 00% of funding from fundraising

## 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

Last year's goal was "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" has been met.

This year IN was fiscally sound and did not require additional funding from the school. This is a huge accomplishment for IN!

A new teacher was hired and has been a great addition to the staff. The staff continues to mature and grow as professionals.

5 new course outlines were developed; they are - Independent Living Skills, Vocational Skills, Community Access, Meal Preparation, and Gardening. Some revisions to the outlines still need to be completed.

A full time program supervisor was hired to work on continuous improvement and updating the curriculum and instruction .

IN staff has been involved in providing feedback in the 4 focus areas as the school prepares for a WASC accreditation in 2015.

## Results

- Independence Network continued to offer classes during the 2013-2014 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.

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