



INDEPENDENCE NETWORK

2011-2012

ANNUAL REPORT

FAST FACTS

- 4 classrooms
- 16 part-time or full time staff
- 64 unduplicated students served
- 90% of funding from SARC
- 10% 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) a 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 1-3 students per quarter.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IN has undergone another transition this past year because of budget constraints. The program has continues to decrease at a slow pace in order to meet the 3:1 student ratio that is mandated by SARC. Classrooms have down sized from 4 to3 and staff has been down sized from 16 life skill para-educators to 13; IN laid off 1 full time teacher. The remaining 3 teachers are now responsible for 4 more students and one more para-educator. The decrease of the program has allowed IN to continue to exist under the adult education umbrella successfully. Changes are always difficult but all staff has met the challenge and continues as a functional program.

In the upcoming year the program plans expand by hiring 2 new paraeducators and a part time supervisor.

RESULTS

- FINS conducted a successful donation campaign.
- Independence Network continued to offer services during the 2011-2012 school year and stayed within its budget.

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