

Day Program Questions

Response from the ARC of San Joaquin-Hammer Lane Developmental Center

1. What is the ratio of consumers to staff?

Our ratio is 3 to 1.

2. Does the program have a behavioral component?

No, but we have consumer's who do need support with some mild behavioral episodes.

3. Does the program have an education component?

I'm going to say no. But we assist our consumers with communication skills and we do offer activities that could be considered educational.

4. Staff qualifications, such as fluent in Spanish, ASL, PECS, etc?

At this time we are asking for new hires to have some experience working with our population.

5. Is there medical staff on site?

No.

6. Can the facility accommodate wheelchairs, diaper changing?

Yes.

7. Does the program have an arts component, if so, which arts, music, dance, theater, crafts?

We do offer these as activities on a regular basis, but I wouldn't say as a component.

8. Does the program have a sports component, if so, which sports?

Also, sports are offered and adapted for the group on a regular basis, but not as a component.

9. How often do consumers have community outings - daily weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

Since we are a community integration program, each of the consumers go out a least 4 hours per week.

10. How often to consumer have overnight outings - monthly, quarterly, seldom, never?

Never

11. How do program participants get to and from program?

Transportation is provided through STORER Transportation.

12. Is public transportation used daily, weekly, monthly, seldom, never?

Depending on the weather, consumers will use public transportation for outings, sometimes monthly.

13. Does the program offer supported employment?

Our program doesn't, but the company does. It's called Vocational Services, which is through Arc San Joaquin, also.

14. Does the program offer work groups (enclaves)?

No

15. Do the consumers do volunteer work through the program?

Yes, the consumers volunteer at different sites, a few times per month.

16. Does the program offer supported living training?

No

17. Does the program offer supported or independent living assistance?

No

18. Can a consumer attend less than 35-40 hours per week? (Part time)

Yes, if it's best for the consumer.

19. Does the program offer evening and/or weekend activities?

No, but again, another part of the agency does. It's called the Rec. Center which is through Arc. San Joaquin.

20. Does program offer life skills training (money handling, traffic safety)?

Yes, in all the training we do. Consumers are encouraged and assisted with collecting their own supplies, lunches, personal care items, money, etc.

21. Do consumers have computer access? If so, for games? internet access?

Not at this time, but a computer area/lab is in the process of being created.

22. Does program participate in Special Olympics?

Yes.

23. Does program have own source of transportation?

Yes, the program has one van at this time that is equipped with a wheelchair lift, and another van will be delivered soon.

24. What are the regular program hours?

The program is opened from 8:30-5 pm. Consumer hours are from 9:45-3:45pm.

25. What other community resources/business are located around the program site?

We are in walking distance to several locations, 2 barber shops, David's pizza, a corner store, Friends of the library, a park, 2 bus stops and lots more.

26. What is the program's involvement in the self advocacy movement?

The program and consumers participate in a self advocacy meeting that is offered to our agency's consumers. Also, the consumers participate in an area self advocacy meeting.

27. Does the agency employ people with developmental disabilities?

Yes

28. Info about the umbrella organization - how many programs, etc, is the agency private, for profit, or non-profit with a volunteer Board of Directors, is the agency local or headquartered in another area.

We are a local non-profit agency that has 3 day programs, a Recreational and a VOC services division. And all of our Board members are volunteers from the community.

29. What are the typical demographics of your program?

The range is wide; our youngest consumer is 21, our oldest is in his 60's. We have a good mixture of ethnicity and sexes.

30. How does the program view and relate to personal relationships between participants?

About half of our staff members have been with the agency and most of the consumers for 4-9 years, and look forward to seeing them daily. We believe that it is important to have a relationship with our consumers for the consumers, because the consumers depend on us, they need our friendship and support, also supporting their relationships to each other.