

Pathway

Building Paths to Bright Futures

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What is Pathway?

- A two-year+ certificate program for individuals with intellectual disabilities
- Curriculum focused on these major areas:
 - Academics
 - Life Skills
 - Career Exploration and Work Readiness



Who are our students?

- Age Range 18-26, Mean 20.6



- Primary Diagnosis
 - I could tell you, but...
- K-12 status
 - Certificate – 61%
 - Diploma - 38%
- M – 46% F – 53%



Academics

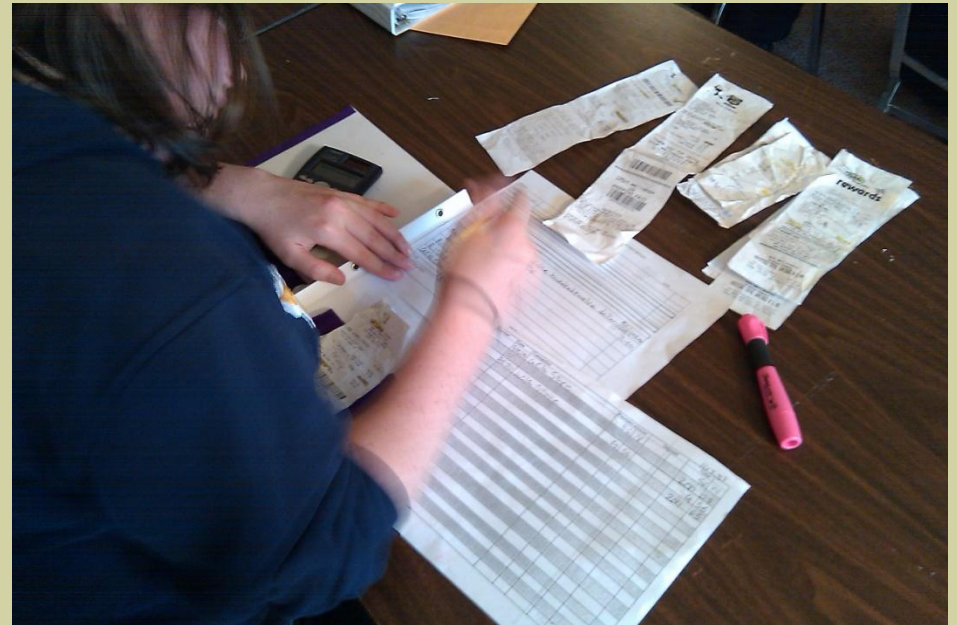
- Core Courses
- Elective Courses
(fully integrated)
- Produce a Student Portfolio





Life Skills

- Life Skills Classes
- Outside SLS provider paid via regional center
- Real world experience





Housing

- Private Apartments 1 Block Off Campus
 - Furnished/Utilities
 - Shared 1 and 2 br.
 - RAs Living On-site
 - Walking Distance to Dining and Recreation





Career Exploration/ Work Readiness

- Internship Preparation Seminars
 - Assessment
 - Soft skills
- Internship
 - Individualized
 - Min of 50hrs/qtr
 - On-going peer and staff support







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Status of Graduates

Current Living Arrangements

- Living apart from family – 88% - 22 of 25
 - Independently – 7
 - With roommates - 15



Status of Graduates

- Employed 7
- Unemployed/Looking 1
- Community Coll/Voc training 5
- Internship (Project Search) 6
- Day Program 6



Challenges & Opportunities

- Difference Between K-12 and College
- Student Preparation
- Money, Money, Money
- Expectations
- Changes in Higher Ed Act
- Collaboration



TPSID Project

Collaborative Partners:

- Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
- Southwest Special Education Local Planning Area (SW SELPA)
- Green Dot Public Schools
- Creative Support
- Jewish Vocational Services
- Tarjan Center at UCLA



TPSID Project

Key Elements:

- One-year Residential Transition Program
- 12 students per Year
- Instruction Provided by LACOE Staff and Fully Integrated Courses
- Supported Living Services Provided via Contract

Questions?

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