

**IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GRANT ABSTRACT**

TITLE:

Ticket-To-Work and Self-Sufficiency Program

SCHOOLS/POPULATION SERVED:

Adult Transition Program
Graduates from all IUSD High Schools
Adult Clients

PURPOSE:

The Ticket to Work and Self Sufficiency Program was designed to address employment and training needs of youth and young adults with disabilities. This program emphasizes the long-term development of young people by providing integrated year-round services to connect them successfully to the labor market, employment opportunities, and positive transition outcomes.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT EFFORT:

1) Linking Student Work to Careers and 2) Developing People and Building Community

NEED:

Through IDEA 2004 regulations, secondary transition programming mandates have increased with no additional funding. A specific focus on employment outcomes has increased the need for employment preparation and job coaching services for students with disabilities which IUSD is obligated to provide.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Economic self-sufficiency and adult independence will be promoted through a focus on an integrated service delivery system. Action Plans will be developed for each of the participants. Ensure provision of integrated services to participants. Connect multiple career development funding sources. Promote career ladder employment opportunities.

ACTIVITIES:

Participants will be assigned to a service coordinator who will facilitate access to needed services that will support success of the participant in their short- and long-term employment goals.

EVALUATION:

Specific employment outcome data will be collected to assist in on-going programming and service delivery improvement, as needed.

POPULATION:

Youth and young adults with disabilities who are eligible for and or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) from the Social Security Administration.

BUDGET:

The budget includes outcome payments from the Social Security Administration for a period of five years with an optional five years extension. These funds will be used to cover mandated categorical costs.