Postsecondary Education: A Pathway to Appropriate Independence™

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INDEPENDENCE must be balanced with other values and limitations (authority, responsibility, humility) in order for it to be a profitable ideal.

INDEPENDENCE requires personal responsibility – the ability to respond appropriately in a given situation.
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Appropriate Independence: Potential Realized

by Dr. Russ Kinkade
Supported self-sufficiency that is aligned with the strengths of each individual and guided by Christian values.
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Appropriate Independence™

- On Purpose, For Purpose
- Individuals, for Community
- Trained for Life
- Empowered to Serve
Path: a process; a journey

A step-by-step sequence of:

Learning
Practicing
Choosing
Failing
Succeeding
Raising the Bar
Trying Again
Purpose

Personal
The two most important days in your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why.

-Mark Twain
Purpose

Personal

Post-Secondary Ed
Why Postsecondary Education?
Why PSE?

Develops one’s greatest abilities

Fulfills one’s private hopes and dreams

Benefits everyone & strengthens our nation
National Employment Statistics

- Adults w/ Intellectual Disability: 37.2%
- Adults w/ Learning Disability: 66.7%
- Adults w/ Hearing Impairment: 56.4%
- Adults w/ Emotional/Behavioral Disorders: 48.2%

Percentage of Individuals with Paid Employment Outside the Home
Employment Statistics – Adults w/ ID

No Postsecondary Education: 32%
Attended Postsecondary Education: 48%
Completed Postsecondary Education: 80% *

* Per preliminary reports from study of selected PSE schools/programs

Percentage of Individuals with Paid Employment Outside the Home
National Vocational Rehabilitation Database – RSA 911
Employment Statistics – Adults w/ ID

Weekly Earnings of Individuals with Paid Employment Outside the Home

National Vocational Rehabilitation Database – RSA 911

No Postsecondary Education: $195

Attended Postsecondary Education: $316
Purpose

Awareness
Awareness

of Self
Self-Awareness
No individual should be defined by his/her disability.

Every individual has abilities, strengths and gifts.
Self-Awareness
Awareness of Self
of PSE Opportunities
Classifications

1. Inclusive Individual Support
2. Mixed / Hybrid
3. Specialized
Finding the Right FIT

F.I.T.
Functionality. Instructional Readiness. Takeaway.
Other FIT Factors

- Costs
- Availability of Financial Aid
- Location of School
- Safety Issues
- Size of School
- School’s Mission/Objectives
- Guiding Philosophy
- Educational Philosophy
- Admission Qualifications
- Success Rates
  - Completion %
  - Placement %
Purpose
Awareness
Training
PATH

Training

Vocational
PATH Training Social Skills
PATH Training

Life / Residential Skills
P: Purpose
A: Awareness
T: Training
H: Holistic Impact
PATH

Holistic Impact

Emotional Stability
Life Skills
Social Development
Occupational Training
Spiritual Life
Community Involvement
Transition Readiness
Academics
Purpose
Awareness
Training
Holistic Impact
PATH CLOSED
DANGER
DO NOT ENTER
Path closed due to unsafe ground conditions caused by coastal erosion & landslip
Road Traffic Regulations Act 1991
"If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."
— Frank A. Clark
Success can only occur in the context of risk & failure.
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Guiding Your Transition To Appropriate Independence