

FUTURES PLUS NEWS!

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FUTURES STUDENTS ARE LEARNING IN THEIR COMMUNITY

FUTURES Plus acts as a bridge from functional academic skills taught in the classroom to real world application of those skills in the community setting, preparing adults with varying ability levels to function safely, effectively, and meaningfully in their community.



FUTURES PLUS ADULT TRANSITION



Why is Adult Transition Important?

FUTURES Plus is a 4-year, community-based instruction, program, emphasizing independent living skills, as well as the development of self-determination, self-advocacy, social, and vocational skills. Eligible students are between 18 and 22 years old and have received a Certificate of Completion in lieu of a diploma.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FUTURES PLUS students will be visiting (to name just a few):

- Trader Joes
- Apple Store
- The Point
- Metro/Torrance Transit
- Automobile Driving Museum
- Westchester Recycling
- Bay Club
- Costco

FUTURES PLUS GOALS

Goals of the FUTURES Plus Adult Program:

Understanding the local community and community resources through ecological analysis and community-based assessment, instruction and integration;

Continually determining student preference and interests and parental needs through person-centered planning;

Formally collaborating with persons and agencies outside the school systems who may support the student;

Teaching academic, social, and vocational skills that lead to competitive or supported employment; and

Balancing vocational training with inclusion in age-appropriate social and academic programs.



OLD NAVY PARTNERS WITH FUTURES PLUS AGAIN!

Our comprehensive program involves students working at a job site. At the site they gain invaluable vocational skills in a supported environment. For the second year, the FUTURES Plus students acquired Old Navy as a job site. This provides them with the opportunity to practice many skills, such as: initiate communication with the manager, listen to and follow single and multi-step directions, self-advocate for clarity on assignments, practice matching, sorting, and pricing of items, as well as gain real life work skills that they can later put on a resume! Not only do the FUTURES Plus students work very hard at acquiring new skills, but they are able to practice pragmatic communication and social skills in a real world setting.



FUTURES PLUS STUDENTS AND STAFF WISH YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

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