

Independence Center Education Program

Supports for Members Attending School in the Community

- Meet with members to identify education goals
- Provide information, catalogs, admission packets, etc. for adult education & literacy programs, technical schools, colleges, and universities in the community
- Collaborate with public library system and other not-for-profit education agencies
- Assist in completing admission forms, federal student financial aid applications and securing grant and scholarship funding
- Intensive review and practice tests for members preparing to take GED, admission, placement, and other standardized tests
- Meet with school disability access counselors to arrange special classroom and testing accommodations
- Guidance with course selection and schedules during registration
- Assist with procuring instructional materials and school supplies
- Tutoring for members completing homework, editing papers, and preparing for tests
- Occasional conferences with professors, school counselors, family members, residential staff, and physicians
- Advocate for discharge of delinquent federal student loans
- Annual education party to celebrate graduations and academic accomplishments

Supports for Members Teaching & Studying in the Clubhouse

- Maintain education area with books, instructional and testing materials, and school supplies in a comfortable, relaxed setting
- Meet with members to help define their goals as students & tutors in the clubhouse
- Help develop instructional skills of members tutoring in the clubhouse
- Assess current levels in a variety of subject areas to create individualized lesson plans
- Coordinate individuals and group instruction
- Provide instruction in keyboarding, basic computer/internet skills, and research
- Assist in overcoming “test anxiety” and improving memory skills
- Periodic reassessment of lesson plans, especially after extended absences, hospitalizations, med changes, etc.
- Communicate with other clubhouses, as resources to improve our program
- Annual education party to recognize tutors & academic progress