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Program Update



TREVOR KEMP

Trevor is a joy to all who cross his path. His attentive staff through the years identified his fascination with firefighters and teamed with the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department to bring his spirit into the station as an ongoing volunteer. As his confidence and independence grew, he was ready for the big step of living and working independently. With great enthusiasm, Trevor teamed with Project Independence to secure his very first apartment at the beautiful Vista Del Rio. At the same time, he donned a tie, nailed his job interview with Amazon and has been spreading his infectious smile to the welcoming staff at Amazon. He is excited to build his life skills preparing meals and furnishing his bachelor pad! We are so proud to be on this journey with Trevor.



Client Stories

CLAUDIA CARDENAS

2020 was an extraordinary year for all of us. The isolation that many of us may have experienced over the past few months is an ongoing risk for our clients, even in normal times. During COVID our staff has kept safety as the highest priority for our clients.

Our client Claudia Cardenas looks forward to her daily Zoom chat with her staff member Jessica Martinez. But Claudia and Jessica were not going to go a day without checking up on each other, sharing their laughter and planning their days together when we get to safer times. Zooms, online classes and activities have been created by our staff to insure that clients like Claudia remain connected and included.



CEO

Message

The optimism and determination of our PI family never wavered during this last, never-ending year. The rollercoaster of the pandemic, social unrest and economic uncertainty has only been matched by creativity and resolve.

In 2020, our day programs switched to alternative service delivery while all other programs continued unabated - providing direct, face-to-face services to people with developmental disabilities. We made significant investment in technology over the last few years, funded by grants and donors, which allowed us to focus on health and safety for both staff and clients. Our first priority has always been protection of our employees and the people we serve. We followed strict protocols for masks and distancing coupled with advocacy and open communication.

Our diverse staff and people we serve welcomed the world wide call for racial justice. Our donors helped eliminate financial uncertainty by making our first virtual walk a resounding success. Board members continued their oversight and governance commitment, giving of their time and treasure to keep our doors open and our services excellent. I am confident 2021 will see us continue to grow and prosper. I want to personally thank board members and our staff for their advocacy and dedication.

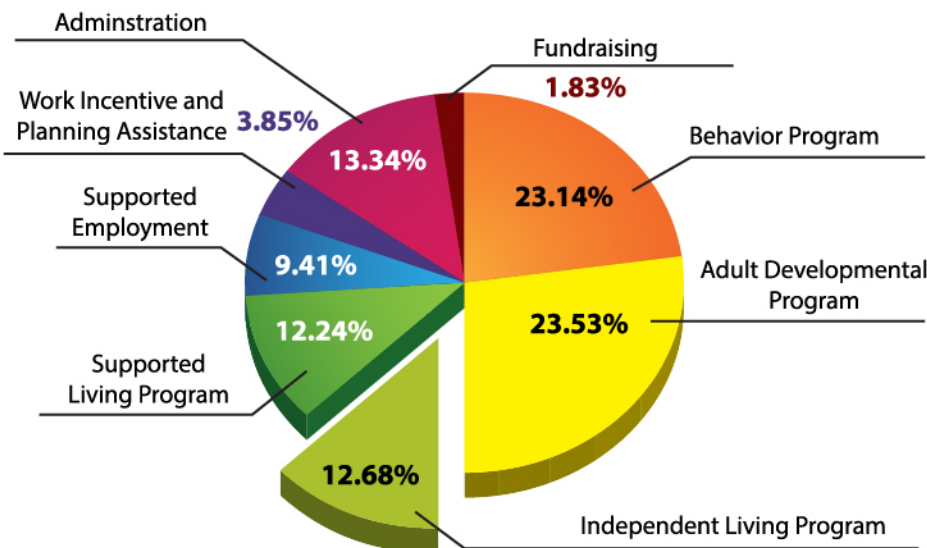
Wishing you the best,

Debra Marsteller
Project Independence



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Join us now and become part of the Project Independence Family. This is a team effort.

- You will help build lives of true independence.
- You will help create friendships, achievement, and inclusion.
- You will be part of a world of possibilities.

We can't do this without you! Make a donation at www.proindependence.org/donate.



Project Independence has spent over four decades adapting, evolving, and creating ways to ensure that our clients maintain lives of inclusion and companionship.

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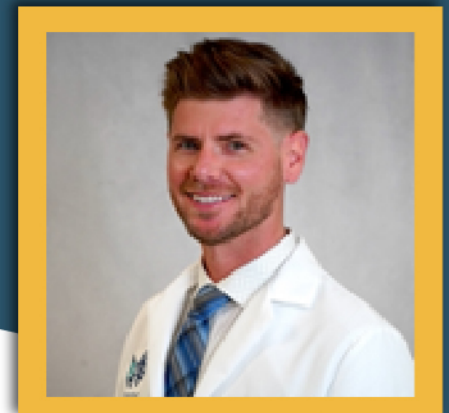
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Covid Protocol

Nathan Marsteller, PhD,
Director of Research
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Immunology Research Center (TPIRC)*



The Project Independence staff is honored to have continual updates for COVID protocol from Dr. Nathan Marsteller of The Translational Pulmonary and Immunology Research Center-

"After your first vaccination dose, pretend as if you did not get it and keep physical distancing so your body can mount an immune response. You will have the most protection two weeks after your second dose."



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the date
Saturday, October 2nd