

Summary of Progress Off Campus Strategic Goals

Five Year Strategic Goal

Build a culture of support for the disabled within our centers that is based upon broad knowledge, multiple services, and the Kirkwood personal touch.

First Year Goal

Organize the investigation of appropriate service to the disabled in our centers.

What We Did

Tom Kaldenberg helped us determine the compliance to ADA standards of each of our facilities.

We identified and listed the present college services and equipment available to the disabled in our centers. We also determined the community resources available, as well as the college resources available for off campus support.

We organized community forums in each county that investigated the local services that are presently available to the disabled, as well as future service needs. We convened a group of service providers, as well as our college service providers.

We discovered some consistent findings in each of the forums.

- Convenient location of center and one stop shop huge assets, although transportation for some still a problem
- Friendly and accommodating center staff made all disability support more positive
- Knowledge and availability of disability services “known” in centers, but students apprehensive to apply, and need other agency availability shared in schools and community
- Very happy with Vital Program, PA Classes and Tutoring services
- Need to see more disabilities mentioned in student testimonials
- Need more local service to those with “hidden” disabilities
- Need more support for career training and job placement
- Like work experience program at Grant Wood reinstated
- Like programs building success in college

Each center documented the findings of the forums and will update the members of the forums on our progress. We are presently considering the prioritizing of the needs that we can realistically service more effectively in the next few years.