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GiGi's Playhouse

Mission Statement:

To change the way the world views Down syndrome and to send a global message of acceptance for all.

Vision Statement:

To see a world where individuals with Down syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools, and communities.

Identified Needs

- Leadership to administer GiGi University (GiGi U) program.
- Creation of expanded GiGi U curriculum.
- Establishing GiGi Professional program design to meet the Nashville Playhouse's needs.
- Development and implementation of personalized literacy tutoring material.
- Designing presentable materials for Nashville's Playhouse events.

Program Descriptions

GiGi University: 14-week vocational skills and job readiness program for adults with Down syndrome.

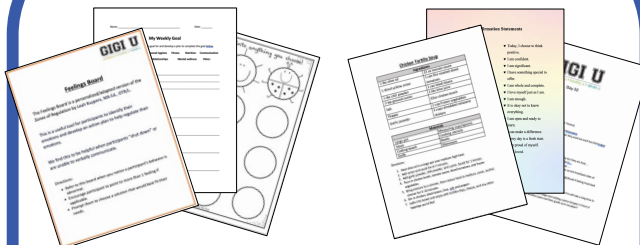
GiGi Professional: Program for career development, specifically to increase work experience and to apply vocational skills learned in GiGi U

Goals

- Co-lead GiGi U and administer existing and expanded curricula.
- Modify and individualize GiGi U program materials to provide appropriate educational challenge for each participant.
- Build rapport and establish effective communication methods with program participants to promote participation in programming.
- Develop comprehensive GiGi Professional program design to assist with the establishment of additional adult programming.
- Create and implement individualized literacy lessons for participants in tutoring.

Parent Resources

Student Materials



GIGI U

confident u • healthy u • whole u



Outcomes

GiGi University

- Co-led GiGi U program for 14-week long semester.
- Designed and modified curriculum to appropriately challenge participants.
- Distributed curriculum materials with staff and relevant personnel to ensure ease and sustainability of programming.
- Provided participants and caregivers with extended materials for continuation of learning beyond program timeline.

GiGi Professional

- Collaborated with staff and community partners to design an internship program for graduates of GiGi U.
- Reviewed existing materials from national GiGi's Playhouse locations to inform the design of Nashville's GiGi Professional program.
- Provided comprehensive program design to capstone site for ease of implementation in the future.

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