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TURNING DISABILITIES INTO POSSIBILITIES

Lincoln Training Center
50 Years In Review
1964 - 2014

Today...

Lincoln Training Center is an accredited, award-winning organization headquartered in a 30,000 square-foot facility in South El Monte, with satellite offices in Roseville (near Sacramento), Fresno, San Diego and Barstow. In all, the Center provides paid training and employment opportunities for more than 550 people with developmental and physical disabilities annually, who are provided with vacation pay, bonuses, and workers compensation benefits. Lincoln's newest program offers training and job placement for service-disabled veterans. In addition, Lincoln's Production Services Department provides high-quality subcontract work for many national and international customers.

Lincoln is proud to have been awarded a CIMS (Cleaning Industry Management Standards) certification. This is a high achievement that attests to our commitment to quality. The Center also has a State of California General Contractors' license with a C27 landscaping designation (#954927). Lincoln Training Center consistently receives the highest accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Lincoln's highly regarded Supported Employment program places qualified and motivated workers into community job settings. Since its inception in 1992, the program has grown to encompass approximately 300 clients working at 90 work sites throughout the state.

Lincoln clients work in a variety of industries, such as banking, retail, automotive, government, fabricating, electronics, and the military. Employers include Nordstrom, Nissan, Westfield Malls, Arcadia High School, Georg Fischer Signet, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Veterans Affairs, and Home Depot. Lincoln also provides services at 20 roadside Rest Areas throughout California.

A Look Back…

Fifty years ago adults with developmental disabilities faced a bleak future once they graduated from special education high schools. In 1962, eight mothers formed a coalition to seek employment opportunities for their adult children, with support from Mr. James Hurst, principal of Lincoln School in San Gabriel.

A bungalow on the grounds of Lincoln School was used as a work area for the first ten trainees. Parents solicited local businesses and secured their first paid contract with the Becker Company in El Monte to roll newspapers that were used for packing material. Volunteering their time, the mothers trained the clients, did the bookkeeping, and held fundraisers to meet the ever-growing need for expansion.

In 1964 Lincoln became incorporated as a nonprofit organization. The Center moved to larger facilities in 1966 and had 50 full-time and 40 part-time workers.

In the 1970's, a group of Lincoln mothers formed an Auxiliary and put in hundreds of volunteer hours to raise funds. Several local businesses donated equipment, which enabled the clients to work on more complex production contracts. Then, under the guidance of its Board of Directors, Lincoln sought accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and was awarded full accreditation.

As client enrollment continued to increase - as did the number of production contracts - Lincoln began an all-out effort to raise funds to build a new facility. With the help of local businessman Henry Winkler, an acre of land was purchased on Loma Avenue in South El Monte.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 20, 1982. Thanks to generous endowments from Mrs. Dorothy Leavey and other supporters, the Center was able to complete its building project in November 1982. In 1990, a 5,000 sq. ft. warehouse was added.

Lincoln Training Center's tremendous growth over the past 50 years would not have been possible without the support of our community partners. We want to express our deep appreciation to all of you for believing in our mission to help individuals with disabilities find meaningful employment, self esteem, and independence.

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