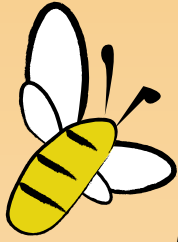




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Who we are?

Mission

Provide specialized health, nutritional, educational and special care services to the mentally retarded children and adult population in PR in order to improve their quality of life and to do it in an environment where human warmth, respect, dignity and brotherly love predominate.

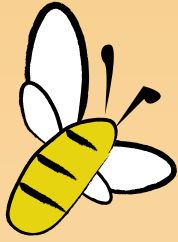
Vision

1. Guide parents and families regarding the laws and services available to protect persons with mental retardation.
2. Provide guidance to parents about the appropriate management and innovative techniques to attend this population.
3. Provide guidance to parents about the resources and agencies that are responsible for providing the support needed to attend this population and to face their family needs.

History

The Instituto Psicopedagógico of PR is a private non-profit organization that has served since 1949 the mentally retarded population of PR. Mrs. María Elisa Gómez de Tolosa, due to her needs in finding services for her son with mental retardation, and her commitment for those in need, established the Residential Center and the Center for Special Education. The Center for Special Education she created is also known as the special education school "María Elisa Gómez de Tolosa". Then, in 1969, and through contributions from the Government of the United States of America, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the "JFK Diagnostic and Evaluation Center" was built, under the leadership of Mr. Alberto Colón González, who was the President of the Board of Trustees. Since its foundation the impact and contribution to those with severe and profound mental retardation is evident.



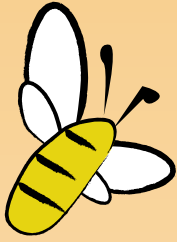


Our Staff

Our staff is organized by:

- Board of Trustees: composed by 19 members, of which 11 are parents or relatives of our participants, as established in our Institutional Manual.
- Parents Association: an active group of parents, under the leadership of a president, and includes people of the community interested in help.
- Administration and Employees: managed by the Executive Director and the Health Services Administrator who lead the different departments, which include administrative staff in areas like Human Resources, Public Relations and Fundraising, Finance and Accounting. A multidisciplinary team of social workers, psychologist, special education teachers, occupational therapist, nutritionists, and health providers, look after the well being of the participants.
- Special Guardians Program: composed by people committed with the IPPR cause, who help the Organization through the development of fundraising events, and an active participation in the emotional enhancement of the participants.
- Community Volunteers: professional of different areas, such as: communications, marketing, accounting, among others; high school and college students, and others.





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Parents Association

Composed by an active group of parents, for the last 25 years the Parents Association supports the Board of Trustees through economic donations and by helping improve the different areas of service. It is also the appropriate way to communicate to the Administration and Board of Trustees the parent's needs regarding their children.

The Parents Association's President is, as establish by our Institutional Manual, a member of the Board of Trustees. During the last years, the Association helped improve the infrastructure, by satisfying the school and residence needs.

As part of their commitment, the Association organizes educational workshops and offer support to parents. Also, it discusses and looks for solutions to improve the quality of the services and facilities.

One of the main goals achieve by the Association was the construction of an indoor basketball court, that promotes physical development and strengthens relationships and healthy life styles, through the Adapted Physical Education Program for the IPPR participants and community guests who visit our facilities at special sports events, among others.

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Facilities



IPPR has the personnel and facilities needed to offered excellent services to guarantee personal development and quality of life for those with mental retardation.

It is located in Bayamón, at the #2 Highway Km. 8.5, with approximately 5.9 cords and is organized in three centers that operate independently but at the same time complement each other, by offering a variety of essential services of its participants.

At IPPR we offered special care services to the mentally retarded children and adult population in PR in an environment where human warmth, respect, dignity and brotherly love predominate; within indoor and outdoor activities.





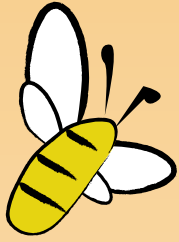
Services

Presently, the IPPR houses a population of over 100 children and adults that are residents 24 hours, 365 days a year. There are also 15 daytime students. In addition to the love and home-care provided, the participants also receive special education, all their meals and snacks, including special diets, medical, dental, psychological and social work services, among others.

Also IPPR offers special services such as:

- Independent Living Program- to develop daily life skills such as food preparation, laundry, arts and crafts, industrial arts, ceramics and much more.
- Recreational Program – in order to provide therapeutic experiences.
- Creative Workshops for Residents- in order to modify unwanted behavior and reinforce social integration skills, Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Summer Camp Program – in order to offer indoor and outdoor activities during the month of June.





Programs

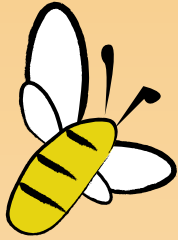
We have three major programs:

- 1) Residence: offers care services to interns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round with emphasis in the development of eating habits, hygiene, recreation and self-help.
- 2) Special Learning Center: provides an educational program that responds to the needs of each participant in line with the directives of the Special Education Law. It includes pre-vocational teachings, programs for the development of daily living skills and physical education. Also, there's a special program for those participants over 22 years old.
- 3) Diagnostic and Treatment Center: offers support in the evaluation, diagnosis and therapeutic treatment of each participant through the use of a multidisciplinary team.

Also we have these complementary programs:

- 4) Social Integration and Behavior Modification Program - where participants are integrated in activities into the community to improve their social functioning.
- (5) Adapted Physical Education for Adults Program - avoids physical and emotional deterioration of participants that due to severe health problems, mobility, among other reasons; are not participating from the educational services.
- (6) Adapted Physical Education Program - promotes physical development and strengthens relationships and healthy life styles, through aquatic, recreational activities and adapted sports skills, for participants under 22.





Contact us

How can I touch their lives?

Thousands of volunteers offered their time to help accomplish our mission. You may join them by participating at our Special Guardian Program, our Corporate Responsibility Program or by our Individual Giving Program, or collaborate by:

- Coordinating Special Events
- Developing Fundraising Strategies
- Designing Promotional Campaigns
- Giving Economic or In Kind Donations

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