

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
between  
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida  
and  
The School Board of Manatee County, Florida

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into the 1st day of July, 2011, or the date of signing, whichever is later, by and between the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, 1960 Landings Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida, 34231 and the School Board of Manatee County, Florida, 215 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to delineate the relationship and responsibilities of the School Board of Sarasota County and the School Board of Manatee County, and to outline the conditions, responsibilities of the parties, and the services to be provided by each Board in regard to the Adults with Disabilities Grant Program, State of Florida, beginning with the 2011 - 2012 Funding Year.

Scope of Services, General Terms, and Conditions

During the term of this Agreement, the School Board of Sarasota County and the School Board of Manatee County agree to provide those specific program services as described in the Adults with Disabilities Grant Program, and in accordance with the terms set forth and requirements, conditions, and instructions contained in the Grant. Funding under this Agreement shall be utilized for the purpose of providing reasonably necessary program services as defined by each School Board for the exclusive benefit of the clients described in the Adults with Disabilities Grant Program.

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, Responsibilities

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, will provide a full range of individually appropriate activities for the Adults with Disabilities/Senior Learners (AWDSL) program, specifically:

- Improving the quality of life for participants by providing *Workforce Preparation Program* services to disabled adults who are gaining skills to foster self-sufficiency and semi-independent living through supported activities;
- Providing educational activities for adults with disabilities who are not suited for the Workforce Preparation Program, specifically the *Life Long Learning Program* which provides functional living instruction to adult students with severe disabilities;
- Providing lifelong learning activities to senior citizens with disabilities, specifically the *Quality of Life Program* which provides supportive services for senior (over 55) participants who predominantly live in residential facilities.

These services will be provided by certified teachers and appropriate staff at the Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI), at the Loveland Center, and through Adult and Community Enrichment (ACE), which is part of SCTI. These programs will provide services to Adults with Disabilities and Senior Learners primarily in Sarasota County.

The School Board of Manatee County, Florida, Responsibilities

The School Board of Manatee County, Florida, will provide a full range of individually appropriate activities for the Adults with Disabilities/Senior Learners (AWDSL) program, specifically:

- Improving the quality of life for participants by providing *Workforce Preparation Program* services to disabled adults who are gaining skills to foster self-sufficiency and semi-independent living through supported activities;
- Providing educational activities for adults with disabilities who are not suited for the Workforce Preparation Program, specifically the *Life Long Learning Program* which provides functional living instruction to adult students with severe disabilities;
- Providing lifelong learning activities to senior citizens with disabilities, specifically the *Quality of Life Program* which provides supportive services for senior (over 55) participants who predominantly live in residential facilities.

These services will be provided by certified teachers and appropriate staff at the Manatee Technical Institute (MTI), at the Manasota ARC, at Easter Seals, and at assisted living facilities and senior care centers throughout Manatee County. These programs will provide services to Adults with Disabilities and Senior Learners primarily in Manatee County.

Hold Harmless

The relationship between the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, and the School Board of Manatee County, Florida, and their employees and agents, shall be that of an independent contractor, and not that of employer/employee or joint ventures. Furthermore, the School Board of Sarasota County and The School Board of Manatee County, Florida, will hold harmless, indemnify and defend each Other, their agents, servants, and employees, in their official and individual capacity, from any demand, claim, suit, loss, cost, expense or damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Other, its agents or employees, in their official or individual capacity by reason of any damage to property or injury or death of any person which arises out of, is incident to, or in any manner connected with this Agreement, specifically including each School Board's routine day-to-day supervision. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall be binding upon the parties, successors, representatives and assigns and cannot be waived or varied. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of each School Board's sovereign immunity beyond the statutory waiver as the same may be amended from time to time.

Additional Terms of this Agreement

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2011, or the date of signing, whichever is later, and shall remain in effect while agreed to by both parties. A 30-day written notice shall be given prior to termination.

Signed:

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Frank Kovach, Chair  
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert C. Gause, Chair  
The School Board of Manatee County, Florida

Date: \_\_\_\_\_