

# SEQUEL

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## Community Participation Program for Adults With Disabilities

For over fifty years, the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Bucks IU) has provided exceptional special education programs and services to children and youth with disabilities between the ages of birth to twenty-one. SEQUEL allows the Bucks IU to expand upon that expertise to include adults with disabilities over the age of twenty-one. Those participating in these adult programs may also find comfort in the familiarity of having had services from the Bucks IU throughout their early development.

### What is SEQUEL

SEQUEL assists adults with disabilities to explore meaningful leisure, volunteer, and employment opportunities within their community. With decades of knowledge and experience to build on, our professional staff is uniquely equipped to help determine and understand each individual's needs, objectives, and challenges - SEQUEL has been specially designed to be person-centered and growth oriented.



### How Community Participation Works

This program is designed to enhance the ability of the participant to lead a self-determined, more independent lifestyle by maximizing opportunities and interest in community engagement. We match each individual's preferences, needs, and interests to specific supports that will help them build community connections and relationships while looking to increase their community contribution. We accomplish this through a focus on four areas:

1. **Life Experience** - Provide the experiences, opportunities, and supports necessary to be an engaged member of the community.
2. **Independence** - Build life and job skills, and abilities that encourage independence and value in the community.
3. **Personal Growth and Development** - Support being a good neighbor, friend and/or co-worker.
4. **Relationships** - Nurture community relationships supporting inclusion by creating a presence that is meaningful and appreciated

SEQUEL supports families, empowers individuals, offers quality services with an understanding of people's differences, and engages meaningfully with the local community. Through this process, participants develop skills for potential competitive, integrated employment while building natural supports and increasing independence.



### Program Eligibility

Persons with disabilities, aged 21 and older with waiver funding, may be eligible for this Adult Program. If you do not have waiver funding or have other questions, please contact the Bucks IU Adult Programs and Services team for assistance at [SEQUEL@BucksIU.org](mailto:SEQUEL@BucksIU.org) or call 215-348-2940 extension 7061.

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