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For Immediate Release:

Bucks IU SEQUEL Program Offers Community Participation Supports for Adults with Disabilities

October 4, 2023 - Doylestown PA: 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 (ages birth to 21). With the addition of the Bucks IU SEQUEL Program, that expertise has now expanded to programs for adults with disabilities (ages 21+). SEQUEL's Community Participation program is designed to support these adults in developing their own

interests and connections in the community that will enhance and promote their ability to live more independently.



SEQUEL participants had the opportunity to visit Edible Arrangements (Doylestown, PA) where they learned about healthy eating options while creating beautiful fruit arrangements.

Growth Through Participation

Everyone gains knowledge and confidence by actively creating meaningful connections through participation. That is the premise of the SEQUEL Community Participation program. Participants are introduced and share in various events and activities within their community such as ordering at restaurants or coffee shops

and socializing with others, attending a movie, helping at a local food bank, or supporting community events. Through this participation, individuals in the program gain knowledge, social skills, self-sufficiency, and self-assurance so that they may become comfortable being an active and supportive member of their community.

The SEQUEL team matches each individual participant's preferences, needs, and interests to specific supports and activities. This is accomplished through a focus on four key areas:



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

Program Eligibility

Persons with disabilities, ages 21+ with waiver funding through Pennsylvania's Office of Development Programs (ODP), may be eligible for this Adult Program. Should you not have waiver funding or have other questions regarding the Bucks IU's SEQUEL programming, please call 215-348-2940 Ext. 7061 or email SEQUEL@BucksIU.org.

About SEQUEL

SEQUEL assists adults with disabilities to explore meaningful leisure, volunteer, and employment opportunities within their community. With the Bucks IUs five plus decades of knowledge and experience to build upon, the SEQUEL professional staff is uniquely equipped to help determine and understand the individual's needs, objectives, and challenges. SEQUEL

has been specially designed to be person-centered and growth oriented. Many of those enroll in SEQUEL programs find comfort and familiarity in continuing programs with the Bucks IU from whom they may have received services throughout their school years. Find out more at <https://www.bucksiu.org/SEQUEL>.

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ABOUT THE BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (Bucks IU):

Celebrating over 50 years of service! The Bucks IU supports improvements and advancements in student learning by providing exceptional educational programs, innovative professional development, and advanced business/technology services. We serve people from ages birth through adults, students in public and private schools along with their staff and administrators, and the community of Bucks County. The Bucks IU is also the liaison between local schools and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For more information, go to www.BucksIU.org or call 215-348-2940.