



MUNICIPALITY PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLES

South Florida Municipality - Example 1

Partnership is comprised of a year-round recreational sports program, which takes place after school.

A. Year-Round Special Olympics Sports

a. Program

- i. Started in 2009 with 10 athletes; now have 70 athletes.
- ii. Growing all the time, even though it is not promoted and spread only by word of mouth. Sometimes they have to slow down with accepting new participants, a new applicant may have to wait a month until the City can hire an additional Staff/Coach.
- iii. Program runs at the local Parks & Rec facility from 5-8:30 PM. Staff works 4:30-8:45 PM approximately 4 days each week.
- iv. Participants are 9-52 years old; majority are 14 to 20 year-olds in high school, an age where it is challenging to find programs for ID teenagers.
- v. Groups are organized by ability level and one-hour practice sessions: 5-6 PM Skills, 6-7 PM Skills, 7-8:30 PM Team Sports. There are approximately 12 athletes per group for one staff/coach.
- vi. The program is free for all participants. Sports include Basketball, Tennis, Soccer, Bowling and Golf. Their new method is to switch from practicing one sport per season, to dedicating one day per week to Tennis/Soccer/Basketball, with a greater focus on one sport in the month leading up to the SOFL competition.

b. City Funding

- i. Funding falls within Special Needs Programming Budget at City of Doral.
- ii. City funds year-round sports training equipment and uniforms.
- iii. All venues and staff are provided by Parks & Rec.
- iv. Parks & Rec bus transports athletes to local and Orlando competitions.
- v. If the group of athletes going to State games in Orlando is too large, they will also use SOFL funded transportation.
- vi. The success of the program is due to City-funded staff, qualified to work with people with ID - certified Special Education teachers.
- vii. They employ 3 people year-round, 1 is full time and 2 are part-time at 25-28 hours per week. The one full time person does all of the paperwork necessary: to be a registered training program with SOFL, to have valid medicals for all athletes, to coordinate access to Parks & Rec venues amidst other programs for children.

c. Staff Expenses:

- i. \$13.69 per hour per Staff, at the ratio of 12 kids/1 staff per hour: cost year-round, for 2 part-time staff that work 25-28 hours per week.
- ii. These 3 people serve 70 registered (60 active) participants year-round.

South Florida Municipality - Example 2

Partnership is comprised of a Summer Camp, Adult Day Training Program and an After-School Program. All venues are provided complimentary by Parks & Rec, as well as paid staff.

A. Summer Camp – “Camp Shriver”

Other Miami Camps serve up to age 13, no other camps take teenagers with ID.

Camp Shriver is the only option for this population.

The camp is totally free to participants.

*Important to note that other ID summer camps cost \$300-500 per week per person.

- a. Camp Shriver Overview
 - i. Has been taking place for 15 years; Welcomes 100 campers for 6 weeks
 - ii. Half of the campers have ID and are in High School ages 14-22
 - iii. Other half do not have ID and are called “camp volunteers” Also age 14-18
 - iv. Sports include Kickball, Softball, Basketball, Powerlifting: sports that are possible to do on the City Parks & Rec facilities.
- b. City funds/hires Camp Staff
 - i. Staff are qualified to work with people with ID - certified Special Education teachers. Ratio is 10 campers to 1 coach.
- c. City Contributions
 - i. City pays for the Venue, Staff, field trip admission costs and transportation
 - 1. Trips include: Zoo, Movies, Water Parks and Marlins Baseball game
- d. SOFL Contributions
 - i. New field trips that SOFL and the City brainstorm together. Ex: Ninja Lounge
 - ii. Indoor activities like Yoga Instructor, etc.
 - iii. SOFL provides each camper with a bookbag, co-branded T-shirt, hat
- e. State of Florida Contributions
 - i. Costs for lunches and snacks in the County - the "Meal Spot" program

B. Adult Day Training Program - For people with ID ages 23 and older, paid for by APD

C. After-School Program

- a. Year- Round Program
 - i. Called "Get Fit" - the City of Miami delegation participating in SOFL, ages 14 and up. The delegation competes in County, Area and State Games for SOFL.
 - ii. City of Miami funds/hires the Coaches - certified special education teachers from Public Schools – for this SOFL registered training program.
 - iii. 2 days per week they do sports training per SOFL seasons: Bowling in Fall, Basketball in Winter, Bocce in Spring and then Camp Shriver in the summer.
- b. Municipality covers all expenses
 - i. The success of the after-school program rests is due to city-funded staff who are certified Special Education teachers.
 - ii. City covers all costs associated with the program, training and equipment.
 - iii. State of Florida reimburses City of Miami for the Get Fit program snacks.
- c. Staff Expenses:
 - i. \$25 per hour per Staff, at the ratio of 10 kids/1 staff: cost year-round to the City, regardless of After School or Summer Camp.
 - ii. \$76,000 per year is total cost for 5 staff (coaches), there is an additional \$20K for additional 3 staff for Summer Camp. Approximately \$100K in total per year for staff, which serves 100 campers and 30 after care participants.

***Important to note - The City of Miami has solved the issue of attrition once students with ID transition from high school to adults through their program. Camp Shriver high school participants transition to the Get Fit/Adult Day program, which they can stay in until they pass away.