Tehama Adult Learning Center (TALC)

Through the Tehama County Department of Education Located in Red Bluff, California is an 18 through 22 year old community-based special education transition program.

Why TALC?

The Talc Program will allow students to begin experiencing adult life activities in the community, while having the support of the school system. This is called community based instruction. Based on the student's interests and needs, the student has the opportunity to participate in:

- Community work experience provided by the Workabilty program
- Community recreational and leisure activities
- Life skills preparation

What is the eligibility criteria?

Students participating in TALC will:

- Have graduated from High School with a Certificate of Completion or Certificate of Achievement
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have long-term support needs (a moderate to severe cognitive disability)

What instructional areas will be addressed?

Dependent on the ability and needs of the student, the following instructional areas may be provided to the student:

- Functional Academics
- Independent Living Skills
- Community Skills
- Vocational Skills & Work Experience
- Recreation & Leisure

What is Community Based Instruction?

Community based instruction is aligned with measurable results-oriented IEP goals and extends experiences beyond the classroom into the "real world."

Community based instruction offers the students the opportunity to develop choices and independence that are tied to self-determination, an essential element that affects the quality of life students will experience as adults.

Examples of possible community-based instruction & experience that are utilized at TALC are:

- Shopping in the community
- Community work experience such as The Dollar Tree, Pre-Kindergarten Classroom Aide, Dignity Health, Goodin's Rock Garden Nursery, The Barkery, Vending and Shredding
- Community outing opportunities such as eating out, shopping, bowling, or going to the movies