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**TO:** All 2009 Inclusion Film Camp Campers

**From:** Will Sanford and Joey Travolta

**RE:** Cancellation of the Summer 2010 Inclusion Film Camp at Saint Mary's College

Hi all,

It is with a heavy heart that we write to you to inform you that due to the Budget that was passed by the State of California we will not be able to offer the Inclusion Film Camp this summer, which we had tentatively scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. We have been working to get relief from the language in the Trailer Bill, but there has been no movement or relief on any of the sections, including the prohibition against Regional Centers purchasing camp as a service. While the Inclusion Film Camp clearly had an incredible impact on our campers and the development of their social skills, it is still lumped into and considered a camp.

There is a silver lining to the story, as I have had the opportunity to visit two programs run by Inclusion Film Schools, one in Bakersfield and one in Burbank, that provide extended workshops for individuals with developmental disabilities. Futures Explored and Inclusion Films is working to bring such a program to this area, which would provide for the development of increased social skills, pre-vocational and vocational opportunities for individuals on the spectrum. Our hope is that we will be able to do this both as an adult program throughout the year, but also to offer short-term workshops and trainings during the summer to help youth develop and explore their interests.

Clearly, if we can get a change in the law that allows camp to be reinstated we will let you know, but felt at this point we needed to allow Inclusion Films to schedule alternative camps this summer (outside of California) and for you to look at your options for the summer.

Sincerely,

**Will Sanford**  
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**CC:** Senator Mark DeSaulnier  
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