

Selecting An Inclusive Program

Questions To Ask

* Ask these questions to the staff member *directly supervising* the program of interest, *not* the receptionist.

1. What are the hours of the program? Is there early drop off/late pick up?
2. What are the fees?
3. How many children attend the program? How many children in each group?
4. What is the typical daily schedule? How much does it alter?
5. What is the staff to child ratio?
6. What is the typical age of the staff? What experience do they usually have?
7. How many hours of training does your staff receive prior to the start of camp? Is inclusion one of the training topics? How about training on differences/disabilities?
8. Are the children divided up by age into groups or in some other way? If by age, is there any flexibility if a child is immature?
9. What is your discipline policy?
10. What experience has the staff had in the past working with children with special needs?
11. How much of the day is outdoors? How much in the air conditioning?
12. Will there be field trips? How often? Where? What is the transportation that is used? Do all kids go on the field trips or can you pick and choose (is there an alternative activity if camper is not going on trip)?
13. If my child is unable or would prefer not to do an activity (ex: field trip, swimming) what is the alternate activity?
14. If my child would like to do a certain activity but may need additional support, is your program willing to make individualized accommodations? (ex: help changing into swimsuit, headphones during loud times, help with using the bathroom)
15. Can you describe the physical layout of the camp? (ex: hills, black top, paved trails)
16. Are you willing to have a support person come in to work with you to better the experience for all?

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