

## Inclusion Guidelines

The MJCCA's Inclusion Program strives to provide the support and flexibility necessary to enable youth with special needs to participate in our innovative programs alongside their typically developing peers. Youth with special needs are supported by our Inclusion Team through program accommodations and may also receive individualized support. Our Inclusion Team collaborates with parents, educators, and staff to ensure the best possible program placement for youth of all abilities. The goal of our Inclusion Program is to provide the support necessary so all youth may access the transformative opportunities available at the MJCCA. **For new participants seeking inclusion support, an intake process must be completed prior to confirmed enrollment. This will ensure that your child's experience is as successful as possible.**

**Please complete the intake process on the application which includes the questions below.**

**Club J is a fast paced environment with many transitional periods. While reasonable accommodations may be made, not all children will be best served in this environment.**

Participants who are the most successful include:

- Children who participate safely and willingly with a group of peers in a variety of settings and activities
- Children who display non-aggressive behaviors
- Children who can keep their hands to themselves
- Children who don't pose a threat to themselves or others
- Children who remain with the group and follow directions provided by staff
- Children who understand the difference between right and wrong decisions

Should behavior incidents occur, each participant and incident is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- What was happening before the incident?
- What are the known challenges for this participant?
- What are the participant's goals (i.e. social skills, self-regulation, etc.)
- What supports are in place? (i.e. facilitator, communication device, etc.)

**Should there be challenges that consistently present themselves, it will be up to the staff discretion whether to put one-to-one facilitation in place or if dismissal is necessary.**

Should it be determined that facilitation will be require, we encourage all families to provide their own support staff. If you need assistance in this process, we can help you. Please note, if we are able to provide the staff for you, there is **an additional charge of \$350/week based on a 5 day enrollment schedule.** Additionally, it may take some time to get staff hired in our system. **Your child will not be allowed to return to the program until this process is completed.** While we aim for a 2-week turn around, we have encountered situations where it has been longer.