



Pathways to Independence for People with Disabilities

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Stepping Stones Criteria of Service

Stepping Stones Recreation and Leisure programs are designed for individuals with a mild to moderate Intellectual, Developmental or Physical Disability.

In order to maintain a quality program, sessions are designed to accommodate specific needs of participants through staffing ratios, programming, and activity goals. With our unique environment and seasonal staff, our goal is to accommodate as many participants as we safely can. We evaluate each individual on a case by case basis to determine eligibility for our programs.

Below are some of the criteria we consider to determine eligibility:

- Participants that require full assistance with personal care, i.e. eating and toileting care (**Note:** Small children are an exception.)
- Extreme aggression towards others
- Flight risk off camp property
- Safety risk towards open bodies of water and roads
- Sexual behavior directed towards others
- Significant property destruction
- Severe self-injurious behavior
- Consistent refusal to participate in group activities and programming
- History of poor program attendance
- (Overnight Programs Only) – Unable to sleep through the night in a cabin and/or share a room with others
- CPAP/Bi-PAP – We can only accommodate individuals that do not require monitoring throughout the night and are self-sufficient with their equipment.
- Tracheostomies – Participants who have a trach must be able to provide their own nurse to tend to trach care during day program. We are unable to accommodate a participant with a trach at our overnight programming.
- Medical Needs: Insulin Pump, Oxygen Tank (Further evaluation will be required for these medical needs to determine eligibility.)

Stepping Stones reserves the right to dismiss an individual during program based on illness, injury, or safety risk to themselves or others.

