



Special Needs Frequently Asked Questions

Our Mission at Central Wesleyan Church is to Amplify Hope and Life to ALL people including those with disabilities of every kind. We care about special needs families and want to help them navigate through their life's journey. Parents can enjoy Central's worship service while their special needs child is engaged by trained special needs Buddies, and accompanied by additional church volunteers."

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Q: Who do you provide Special Needs Buddies for on Sundays and Wednesdays?

A: We provide trained Buddies for any child who needs help participating at church.

Q: Does my child have a place at Central if he/she has trouble communicating?

A: You bet! Let us know how best to communicate with your child who may have difficulty speaking, is non-verbal, blind, or deaf, so we can help them feel secure and understood.

Q: What do you do if my child has negative reactions to loud noises, music, touch, lighting, or smells?

A: We have noise cancelling headsets available and will take your child to a quieter room if necessary during worship time and return to Large Group to hear the message. We will be sensitive to avoid other sensory triggers that affect your child.

Q: My child is extremely active and may run around in a classroom when asked to sit. How do you deal with children like that?

A: We offer kids stress balls and special sensory toys to help kids with lots of energy to play with during the message and in their small group time. We encourage them to sit quietly on their rug or chair with their toy so they can better focus on the message. They are very effective and kids love them!

Q: If my child has ADD, ADHD, Anger, Anxiety, Depression, or Autism, how do you support them?

A: We will support you and your child in any way we can. Tell us what works for your child and what doesn't. We want to be consistent with what you do at home or school.

Q: How will you protect my child if he/she uses a wheel chair, braces, seeing stick, etc?

A: Your child's Buddy will focus on protecting and encouraging your child, whether moving from one room to another or away from active classmates.



Q: Will you administer an Epi-pen?

A: Only parents are allowed to administer medications at Central at this time. We will text you immediately if an incident arises. Please inform Guests Services and your child's Small Group Leader on the severity of your child's allergy.

Q: Our family is going through a tough time, can you help us?

A. We are here to support your family in any way we can. Please call or email me today to talk about how we can help. We look forward to hearing from you.