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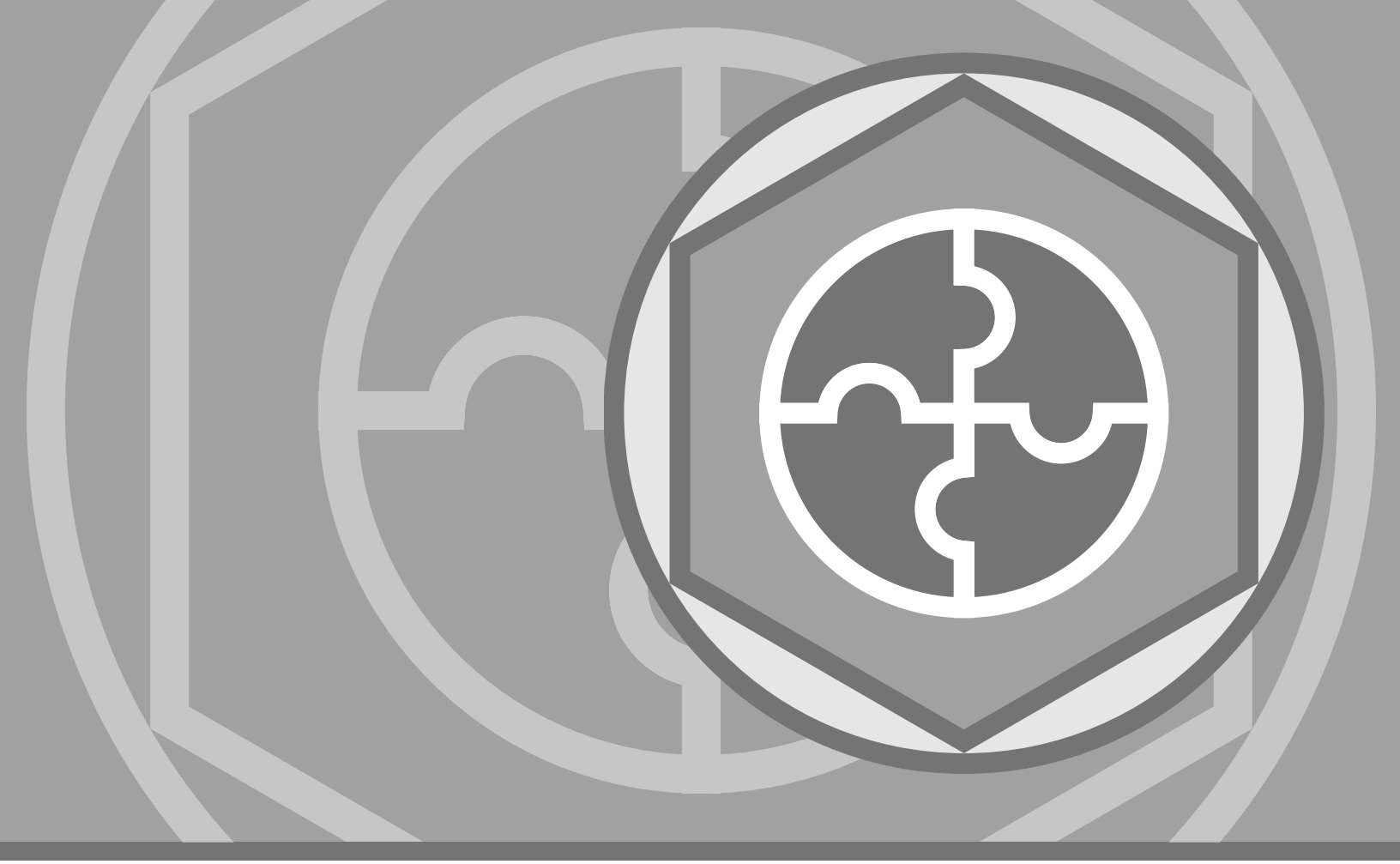

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Disabilities Inclusion
CERTIFICATION

Description

This workshop provides an overview of the number of school age youth with disabilities and what the most prevalent disabilities are. It also discusses the laws protecting young people with disabilities. Additionally, this workshop stresses the importance of inclusion and of creating a welcoming environment for young people with disabilities.

Audience/Participants

All Children's and Youth Ministries leaders and their team would benefit from this workshop.

Resource Material

Internet sites on disability law, people first language and numbers of children/youth with disabilities, preventing bullying of youth with disabilities

Video: The Church is Not Complete Without People with Disabilities on Joni and Friends' YouTube channel or similar video

Handouts

- Examples of people first language
- Sample disability disclosure form
- Tips to preventing bullying of youth with disabilities
- Handout of websites for professional or governmental organizations that provide information on specific disabilities

Pre-requisites

Commit to the Youth/Children's Ministry Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Be currently approved by your conference' child protection screening verification.

Overview of Workshops

Introduction to Youth with Disabilities - PSYO 160
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Understanding Accommodations and Modifications for Youth with Disabilities - PSYO 161
This workshop discusses accommodations and modifications that can assist you in providing inclusive and meaningful activities for young people with disabilities in your ministry.

Barrier Free Facilities and Emergency Plan Inclusion - PSYO 121
This workshop provides an overview of creating inclusive barrier free facilities for youth with disabilities in your ministry.

Specific Learning Disabilities - PSYO 260
This workshop discusses Specific Learning Disabilities and how ministry leaders can include youth with Specific Learning Disabilities in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) - PSYO 261

This workshop discusses Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and how ministry leaders can include youth with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Autism Spectrum Disorder - PSYO 262

This workshop discusses Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and how ministry leaders can include youth with ASD in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Intellectual Disabilities - PSYO 263

This workshop discusses Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and how ministry leaders can include youth with ID in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Mobility Disabilities - PSYO 264

This workshop discusses mobility disabilities and how ministry leaders can include youth with mobility disabilities in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Required Field Work

Create a Portfolio that contains the handouts and your personal notes from the workshops you attend.

Portfolio

The Including of Youth with Disabilities Certification requires a portfolio documenting the journey, progress, lessons learned and completion of requirements.

The portfolio should include a completed certification check sheet and evidence confirming requirement completion. This evidence can come in the form of signed workshop cards or sign in sheets or completed workshop handouts.

The physical portfolio can be a three-ring binder or folder in which all materials are kept. However, fully digital data collection is also acceptable.

Portfolio Review

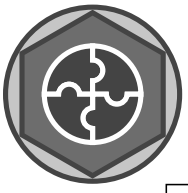
The purpose of the review is to confirm completion of the requirements. It is not to require conformity to any system requiring specific formats of style of presentation. Portfolios are reviewed to determine if they are complete or incomplete. An incomplete portfolio will be returned to the participant with a written explanation of what needs to be added, corrected or completed. Portfolios, whether complete or incomplete, should be returned to the participant in a timely manner.

Review of the completed portfolios will be done by an invested Master Guide appointed by the Conference Youth Director or their designee.

Recognition of Completion

Everyone likes to have their efforts recognized. Pathfinder leadership who put in untold hours of prayer, planning and training are no exception.

Upon successful review of the portfolio, the participant is eligible for an enameled pin and certificate of completion.



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Notes From Workshop

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- Video: The Church is Not Complete Without People with Disabilities on Joni and Friends' YouTube channel or similar video

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Understanding Accomodationsand Modifications For Youth With Disabilities PSYO 161

Description

This workshop discusses accommodations and modifications that can assist you in providing inclusive and meaningful activities for young people with disabilities in your ministry.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites on accommodations and modifications
- Handout of accommodations and modifications
- Low tech and high tech assistive technology for participants to use
- (Schools, physical and occupational therapists, rehabilitation or disability service providers may have low and high tech assistive technology that you can borrow.)

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Barrier Free Facilities and Emergency Plan Inclusion PSYO 121

Description

This workshop provides an overview of creating inclusive barrier free facilities for youth with disabilities in your ministry.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites about the following:
  - Universal Design in everyday life
  - Checklists for facility accessibility
  - Making the outdoors more accessible
  - Adaptable furniture
  - Adventist Risk Management church and school assessments
  - Emergency protocols for young people with disabilities
  - Handouts
  - Sample Emergency Information form for children/youth with disabilities
  - Checklist for facility accessibility
  - Sample emergency protocols for young people with disabilities

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Specific Learning Disabilities PSYO 260

Description

This workshop discusses Specific Learning Disabilities and how ministry leaders can include youth with Specific Learning Disabilities in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites about the following:
  - Youth with Specific Learning Disabilities
  - Accommodations and modifications for youth with Specific Learning Disabilities
  - Assistive technology for youth with Specific Learning Disabilities
  - YouTube video of a young person discussing their Specific Learning Disability. See the activities section of this workshop for specific examples of videos or do a keyword YouTube search: My Learning Disability Story.

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Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder PSYO 261

Description

This workshop discusses Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and how ministry leaders can include youth with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites such as the following:
  - ADHD organizations, i.e. ADDitudemag.org, CHADD.org, addwarehouse.com, brainfacts.org, Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada at caddac.ca and Support ADHD Bermuda on Facebook
- YouTube video of a young person with ADHD discussing ADHD; keyword Youtube search: what it's like to have ADHD my story. Specific videos suggestions in the activities section.
- Handouts on the following:
  - Challenges for youth with ADHD
  - Accommodations and modifications for young people with ADHD
  - Low-tech technology examples: graphic organizers, fidgets, kneaded erasers, rubbery finger springs, stress balls, chair rubber bands, doodling supplies

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Autism Spectrum Disorder PSYO 262

Description

This workshop discusses Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and how ministry leaders can include youth with ASD in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites such as the following:
  - American Autism & Rehabilitation Foundation, americanautismcenter.org
  - AIDE Canada:REsources for Autism, aidecanada.ca
  - Base Bermuda Autism Support and Education, bermudaautism.bm
- Handouts on the following:
  - Accommodations and modifications for youth with ASD
  - Sensory break strategies
  - Adaptive VBS strategies for kids with ASD
  - Tips for hiking or camping with youth with ASD

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Intellectual Disability PSYO 263

Description

This workshop discusses Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and how ministry leaders can include youth with ID in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites about the following:
  - Intellectual Disabilities Fact Sheets
  - Adaptive sports, recreation activities or recess games
  - Special Olympics developmental sports essentials
  - Including students with Intellectual Disabilities in marching band (ideas for drill and marching)
  - YouTube Videos of youth with Intellectual Disabilities or their family sharing their experiences (The YouTube channel SBSK is a great resource for videos of youth with ID.)
- Handouts
  - The Adventurer Law
  - The Pathfinder Cake Decorating Honor requirements

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Mobility Disabilities PSYO 264

Description

This workshop discusses mobility disabilities and how ministry leaders can include youth with mobility disabilities in Children's and Youth Ministries.

Notes From Workshop

Resource Material

- Internet sites on the following:
  - Adaptive sports, adaptive recess and recreational activities, accessible camping and hiking
  - YouTube video of a young person discussing their specific mobility disability; YouTube key word search: In my own words wheelchair or talk to me physical disability
  - Handouts: adaptive sports, recreational activities and craft tools/devices

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Presenters responsible for these workshops should make sure that, in addition to communicating the information, they take time to make the workshop practical and give participants time to think about how they are going to apply this in their club or youth group.

Workshops in the Inclusion of Youth With Disabilities Certification include:

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