

DSCNWA Program Policies for Play PAL Participants

(Parents or guardian staying with participant (and siblings) during the program)

We want to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience at Play PALS. We have volunteers at each program, but parents are ultimately responsible for their child(ren) during programs.

Check In:

Registered Participants

Upon arriving at the program, the parent or guardian will check in with Ms. Lindsay, who will mark them checked in on her mobile.

Unregistered Participants

Participants who did not pre-register will need to visit the dscnwa website on their mobile when arriving and register their participant and agree to the Independent Participant and Participation Waiver.

Bathroom Policy:

Parents or guardians will be responsible for taking children to the bathroom. If taking one child to the bathroom while leaving another to continue participating without a second parent or guardian, please let Ms. Lindsay or a volunteer know you will be stepping out.

Participation Policy:

Parents should encourage participants to actively engage with the program activities. They can watch from the sidelines to see if that makes them more comfortable and join in when or if they feel ready. If a child is not interested in participating or gets finished with a task quickly, please do not allow them to disrupt the program or other participants.

Participants are expected to, within reason, be cooperative and respectful with Ms. Lindsay, volunteers, instructors, and other participants. Participants who are actively disruptive will be redirected back to the task. If disruption or misbehavior becomes unmanageable, participants may be asked to leave.

Elopement Policy:

We want to keep everyone safe during programs. We have volunteers at each program to assist but the numbers of volunteers can vary. If your child is known to elope, please let Ms. Lindsay know, so she can take precautionary measures and let volunteers know to help keep watch.

Play Stations will take place at the Center for Nonprofits in Room 5 on the 1st Floor. Room 5 has one entrance and exit door which will be guarded during Play Stations. Other events will have

location info on the flier to let parents know about the environment so they can make an informed decision about whether or not it is a good fit for their child.

Incident Policy:

Anytime there is an incident that occurs during a program with parent, child with Down syndrome, sibling or other i.e. participant wanders off, participant becomes physically or verbally aggressive, disruptive behavior such as yelling, throwing objects, acts out in an inappropriate manner (sexually, toileting, not respecting others boundaries), bullying another participant etc. the participant may be asked to leave. Repeated incidents can result in participants not being allowed to participate in DSCNWA programs.

DSCNWA will file an internal incident report for our records.