

COMMUNITY ACCESS FOR ALL

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

A sense of community is vital for every individual, especially **Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)**. Community provides belonging, socialization, independence, enrichment, and skill-building.

Community access and participation can be challenging for CYSHCN families. Here is what they say:

Anxiety, stigma, criticism about behavior and other special health care needs

Behaviors can impact community engagement

Lack of community awareness and accommodations

Limited opportunities to participate

Disability-specific events can be accommodating and less stigmatizing

Community integration promotes positive experiences

Building Community Together

Local Health Departments have CYSHCN Programs with information, referral and advocacy resources to help families.



Connect with your local CYSHCN Program at:
www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/



Check out these social and recreation options for New York CYSHCN families:

Fitness Inclusion Network (Fit IN)
bbi.syr.edu/projects/fit-in-network/



Recreation Programs
aptany.org/general/custom.asp?page=93



Justice Center
justicecenter.ny.gov/recreation

Parent to Parent NY
ptopnys.org

Adaptive Winter Sports Program
nyconnects.ny.gov/services/adaptive-winter-sports-program-422

Accessibility with Disabilities
dec.ny.gov/about/580.html

Adaptive Skiing
iloveny.com/things-to-do/winter/adaptive-skiing/

