

About our children's programs

Our unique outreach programs for children have been very popular among schools in Tompkins County. We offer a flexible format that can include: informal discussion, questions, role-playing, games, equipment demonstrations, and videos. We aim to introduce children to disability in a non-threatening, matter-of-fact way. Children who may or may not already know someone with a disability (or have a disability themselves) can ask our speakers questions arising from their natural curiosity about new experiences.



Our message to children:
"People with disabilities can,
and do, live good lives . . .
just like you!"

Outreach Staff members can:

- ❖ Share personal experiences about disability
- ❖ Discuss appropriate words to describe disability
- ❖ Lead a role-play about offering assistance to a person with a disability, or about how words can hurt
- ❖ Demonstrate Signing Sam, a teddy bear who uses American Sign Language
- ❖ Introduce PI Bear and his wheelchair
- ❖ Play an audiotape that simulates hearing impairment
- ❖ Read an age-appropriate topical book



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Disability Outreach



Children's Presentations

FREE PROGRAMS FOR

After School Programs

Religious Groups

Residential Centers

School Classes

School Clubs

Summer Camps

Youth Groups

Why is disability outreach so important?

Because it fosters the inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society, and the benefits of this are mutual:

People with disabilities have more opportunities, and people without disabilities benefit from the experience of a more diverse society.



Children learn about:

- ❖ What it is like to live with a disability
- ❖ How technology, service animals and other aids can help independence
- ❖ How to move beyond stereotypes about people with disabilities
- ❖ How to include children with disabilities in daily activities
- ❖ How all people are similar yet unique
- ❖ How to interact with people with disabilities in mutually beneficial ways
- ❖ How to be friends with children with disabilities

We look forward to designing a program or activity that most closely fits your disability awareness needs.

For more information on FLIC's outreach programs:

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