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## Camper Behavior & Camper Eligibility for Summer Camp & Respite Programs Policy

Indian Trails Camp summer camp and respite programs are designed for children and adults with disabilities ages 5 & up. Programming gives campers the opportunity to engage in recreational, social and traditional camp experiences.

In order to maintain a quality program, sessions are designed to accommodate specific needs of campers through staffing ratios, programming, and activity goals.

Registration in sessions will be based on camper needs and interests as identified by the camper, camper's parent/guardian or other support team members (e.g. AFC staff, case managers, etc.) in the camp application.

Indian Trails Camp will conduct continual assessment of camper needs and behaviors through administration's daily observations and cabin staff camper appraisals. If the Summer Camp & Respite Coordinator (or Executive Director) feels that a camper would be better suited for a different session or would require additional support, contact with the camper and/or their guardian will occur, as well as documentation for the camper's file.

Indian Trails Camp is a recreational and social program and not deemed a treatment facility. Campers who require physical management are not suitable for Indian Trails Camp summer camp and/or respite programs due to the safety of the camper, other campers and ITC staff.

Before a camper is considered not eligible for any camp program, a discussion will occur between the camper and/or their guardian, the Summer Camp & Respite Coordinator and the Executive Director.

Under NO circumstances will a camper be deprived of food or sleep, or be isolated without staff supervision, observation, and interaction, or be subjected to hazing, ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraint.

All Indian Trails Camp staff who are responsible for the supervision and care of campers will be trained in but is not limited to the following;

- 1) Recipient Rights
- 2) Positive Behavior Interventions and Techniques
- 3) Working with People with Disabilities
- 4) OT (including feeding, transfers, changing, direct care needs)
- 5) CPR & First Aid

All recurrent behavior issues with campers will be reported to and handled by administration in the following order.

- 1) Head Counselor
- 2) Summer Camp & Respite Coordinator
- 3) Executive Director



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All camper applications are reviewed by the Summer Camp & Respite Coordinator, Executive Director and Nursing team to ensure that Indian Trails Camp is able to meet the needs and wants of campers. Indian Trails Camp holds the right to refuse service at any time which includes following confirmation of registration, and check-in. Camper behaviors or incidents that may lead to this include, but is not limited to: Severe self-injurious behaviors, significant self-stimulating behaviors, intentional and unintentional property destruction.

If the Summer Camp & Respite Coordinator observes the guardian or caregiver having to physically redirect a camper, if the camper attempts to flee or elope, or becomes physically aggressive during check-in, we will discuss with the camper or guardian the incident(s) and may not have the camper continue through registration or stay for the session.

At any time following check-in, if a camper is having unprovoked bouts of aggression, and is not responding to redirection or de-escalation, the guardian will be contacted and is responsible to arrange transportation for immediate pick up of the camper.

By signing below, I have reviewed and understand this Policy.

Reviewer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_