



2021-2022 Program Behavioral Guidelines

**Please Note: Special Reach reserves the right to modify these guidelines, as deemed necessary.*

SPECIAL REACH's policies, procedures, and plans for the 2021-2022 In-Person Programs have been developed based on mandates and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health officials. Over the past year, the global pandemic has created significant challenges for everyone, and we understand that many of our Special Reach families have been impacted by these challenges to an even greater extent. All the policies developed for 2021-2022 In-Person Programs are intended to promote best practices with regards to social distancing, sanitation, and health.

Rather than go through another year without any in-person programs at all, we are striving to offer what we can, to as many as we can, under specialized policies and procedures. Therefore, in order to maintain best practices and regulations to promote the health and safety of all involved, the following behavioral eligibility criteria are effective for 2021-2022 In-Person Programs:

2021-2022 In-Person Programs features modified programs available for a reduced number of participants without high-risk diagnoses. In adherence to state and federal health officials, Special Reach will use the following criteria for all participants who are participating in 2021-2022 In-Person Programs.

Special Reach will be unable to accept participants who have severe behavioral challenges/needs.

- o Guidelines to help define behavioral/self-help challenges and needs:
 - Harm to self or others that may require physical intervention (e.g., restraint) by a caregiver/teacher/counselor etc.
 - Physically aggressive behaviors (e.g., biting, self-harm, hair-pulling, hitting, kicking, property damage)
 - Unwillingness/Inability to stay with assigned group or in one location without frequent physical redirection.

If you have any questions or clarifications, please contact us at either 210-784-7478 or 210-788-0010