Adaptive Programming



ADA Coordinator - Kristen Villalovos

- The City has designated three (3) ADA Coordinators who address the areas of physical, employment, and program compliance.
- In March of 2023, Kristin Villalovos obtained her certification as ADA Coordinator from the Great Plains ADA Center through the University of Missouri.
- In 2025, Kristen obtained the National Inclusion Project Inclusive Recreation Certification. In addition, Kristen, Camryn Cardenas and Isaac Tovar obtained the Special Strong Education certification.
- Since that time Kristin has worked with the PARD and the City to evaluate, develop, and make enhancement to various programs to make them more accessible and inclusive to all.

Current Programming

- Sensory-Friendly Hour A quieter, calmer time before the main event with reduced noise, lighting, and crowds—designed for individuals with sensory sensitivities and their families.
- Annual Egg-Cessible Egg Hunt
- Sensory Art Classes
- Adaptive Fun Day at the Dow Active Complex
- Inclusive Bike Rodeo
- Adaptive exercise classes
- Rec for All programs



Rec for All Programming Schedule

WEEKLY	
Boccia Indoors	Thursday 9/11, 18, 25/2025 5-5:30pm
Cornhole	Thursday 9/11, 18, 25/2025 6-6:30pm
Croquet Without Limits	Tuesday 9/2, 9, 16, 23, 30/2025 5:30-6pm
Family Flex	Wednesday 9/3, 10, 17, 24/2025 6-6:30pm
Tabata Adaptive Fitness	Friday 9/5, 12, 19, 26/2025 5:30-6pm
Kettling with Isaac	Monday 9/8, 15, 22, 29/2025 5-5:30pm
Family Flex	Wednesday 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29/2025 6-6:30pm
Inclusive Innings	Thursday 10/2, 9, 16, 23, 30/2025 5-5:30pm
Aqua together	Friday 10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31/2025 6-6:45pm
Kettling with Isaac	Monday 10/6, 13, 20, 27/2025 5-5:30pm
Croquet Without Limits	Tuesday 10/7, 14, 21, 28/2025 5:30-6pm
Washers	Thursday 10/9, 16, 23, 30/2025 6-6:30pm

MONTHLY	
Loom it Up!	Thursday 9/4/25 5:30pm -6:30pm
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B-I-N-G-O For all	Monday 10/13/25 6-6:45pm
Tie Dye Empowers	Monday 10/20/25 5:30-6:15pm
Bin-tastic Fun!	Friday 10/24/25 5:30-6:15pm
ONE TIME	
Hooked On Diversity	Tuesday 9/8/25 5:30-6:30pm
Space Center Houston	Saturday 9/20/2025 7:30am-12pm
Radiant Dots Houston	Wednesday 9/22/2025 5:30-6:30pm
Sucess on the Spectrum	Saturday 9/27/2025 10:15am-3:30pm
Sensory Friendly Day Health Museum	Saturday 10/4/2025 7:45am-1:15pm
Inclusive Spike - Glow Motion	Monday 10/6/2025 6-7pm
Halloween Carnival	Saturday 10/25/2025 TBD
Sensory Noodle Art	Wednesday 10/27/2025 5:30-6:15pm

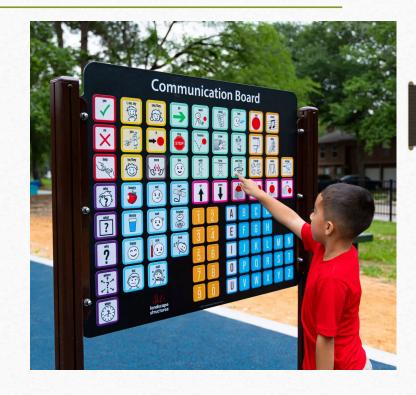
Future Programming and Events

- Inclusive Grooves Gala, Sept 13 Dance to create a fun and accessible space for people of all abilities to come together and celebrate. Live performance from the band Skittlez.
- Adaptive Water Aerobics at the DAC
- Merry and Bright Christmas Party



Accessible vs Inclusive vs Universal

- The City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Department is working through several challenges to ensure that, when possible, parks and facilities are universally designed to be usable by all people to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation.
- Example: Playground Equipment
 - Accessible Path leading up to the playground, ramp allowing access into use zone, transition platform.
 - Inclusive Having poured in place rubber instead of engineered wood fiber and playground is design to allow for a wheel chair to physical be on the playground.
 - Universal All of the above and the playground includes features for sensory play and additional amenities for individuals with various needs.



IBCCES Certified Autism Center

- Offered through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards
- Training 80% of front facing staff
- On site review Review of full guest experiences by IBCCES experts
- Commitment to on-going training and support (2-year renewal)
- Seeking Certification at the DAC, Dow Park, Dow Park Pool, Maxwell Adult Center and the Theatre Arts Building

Questions?

