

# Resources for accommodating children with special needs in after school & summer programs



**New Jersey Statewide Parent Advocacy Network:** Information about federal and state education law and resources for families  
**800-654-SPAN**

[www.spannj.org](http://www.spannj.org)

**Division on Civil Rights:** Information about filing a discrimination complaint under the LAD or to get local contact numbers or call **(973)-648-2700; TTY 973-648-4678; or (609) 984-3100, TTY 609-292-1785**

[www.NJCivilRights.org](http://www.NJCivilRights.org)

**Department of Education:** Information about filing a request for mediation, a due process hearing, or a complaint investigation  
**(609)292-0147**

<http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed>

**Office of Licensing Oversees:** Official state licensing requirements governing child care centers and family child care homes in New Jersey

**1-877-667-9845**

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/divisions/licensing/centers.html>

**Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies:** Provide information about child care programs and services, vouchers for low income working families, and training for child care programs within each county

**1-800-332-9227**

<http://www.njaccrra.org/parentsAgencyListings.shtml>

**Child Care Health Consultant Coordinators:** Registered nurses in each county provide consultation, education and training about health and safety needs of children in child care

**1-800-332-9227**

<http://www.njaccrra.org/parentsAgencyListings.shtml>

**NJ Inclusive Childcare Project:** Provides regional trainings, telephone assistance and on site consultation to licensed child care providers

**1-800-654-7726 Ext.108**

[www.spannj.org](http://www.spannj.org)

**NJ School-Age Care Coalition:** Provides training, telephone assistance and on site consultation to school age child care providers

**908-789-0259**

[www.njsacc.org](http://www.njsacc.org)

**Division of Disability Services:** Provides information and referral to people with disabilities and their families who are seeking help locating appropriate resources in their communities

**1-888-285-3036 TTY 1-609-292-1210**

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/index.html>

**Division of Child Behavioral Health Services:** Serves children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral health care challenges and their families

**1-877-652-7624**

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/behavioral/>

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# Legal responsibilities for accommodating children with special needs in after school & summer programs

Responsibilities under the Law	Public School	Afterschool program operated or funded by a public school	Afterschool program operated by a private organization (non-profit or for-profit) or public entity other than school	Afterschool or summer program operated by a religious organization	Summer Programs
<b>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA)</b>	Makes determination of eligibility. Meets with parents to develop goals, services & accommodations in an IEP (Individualized Education Program)	Must follow IEP goals and provide accommodations although services may be different	May follow IEP if the parent, school and provider agree to goals, services & accommodations. Parent-initiated	May follow IEP if the parent, school and provider agree to goals, services & accommodations. Parent-initiated	School programs must comply with ESY* services in the IEP. Non public school programs, if agree, must comply.
<b>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II - Public entities</b>	All schools have an ADA compliance officer under Title II	Must comply	Only programs operated by government entities must comply	Does not apply	Must comply if operated by a public entity
<b>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title III -Public Accommodation</b>	Does not apply	Applies to places of public accommodation including after school programs	Applies to places of public accommodation including afterschool programs	Only applies if the organization accepts state or federal funding	Applies to summer programs serving the general public, not to religious organizations.
<b>Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973</b>	Makes determination of eligibility. Meets with parents to set accommodations in a 504 Plan.	Must follow school 504 Plan but services &/or accommodations may be different	Must make accommodations but not required to follow the school 504 Plan	Only applies if the organization accepts state or federal funding	Must make accommodations but not required to follow the school 504 plan
<b>New Jersey Law Against Discrimination Broader than ADA or IDEA</b>	Must comply	Must comply	Must comply	Only applies if the organization accepts state or federal funding	Must comply, unless a religious organization not receiving state or federal funding

\*ESY- Extended School Year (i.e. summer)

Afterschool programs operated by Municipal Governments must comply with Title II and III of ADA and must be licensed in NJ.

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