

Top 10 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN A COMMUNITY PROGRAM



1. What experience does your staff have in working with children with special needs?
2. How many of your staff have experience working with a child with special needs?
3. I would like to meet the instructor before enrolling my child. When can I do this?
4. What support does the instructor have if any difficulties arise during the class?
5. Will I need to assist my child in class if needed?
6. What is the coverage plan when the instructor is absent?
7. What is the best way to observe the class?
8. How many participants per instructor?
9. What can I tell you about my child that will make this a successful experience?
10. *If appropriate for your child:* Do you use adaptive equipment? (for example, child uses bigger crayons, utensils, etc.; be specific to your child's needs)

~ Don't forget to tour the facility to ensure you are comfortable with the set up and safety of the environment. This includes looking at the rest rooms, too. Be sure the facility is accessible to your child's needs.

~ If you are having trouble finding an established program, don't be afraid to ask the facility/organization if they would be willing to start a program for special needs children. Use these questions to help navigate through that process.

