

Purpose

To change the way the world defines and views disability by making profound positive differences in people's lives every day

Disability Awareness Program Goal

The goal of the program is to promote awareness through hands-on activities with adaptive materials and specialized equipment.



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Building Disability Awareness Program



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A Brief History

Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania Linda Lanham Zeszutek School Program is an approved private school program, licensed by the State Board of Private Academic Schools.

Our school sites are conveniently located in the east, north and south communities. We serve children between the ages of three and eight with a diagnosis of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, neurological impairment and/or autism/pervasive developmental disorder.

The Building Disability Awareness Program originated as a result of our Preschool Integration Program. The program has gained in popularity due to the number of schools including students with disabilities within classroom settings.

Participation in our program provides awareness which will help students understand and accept classmates with diverse challenges.

Outline of the Program

Program Design

Sensory disabilities are explored using Braille books, learning sign language and the use of augmentative communication devices.

Physical disabilities are explored by learning *and* trying crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and prosthetic devices.

Program Length

One hour

Target Audiences

Children four years and older

Group Size

Four to five years of age: Twenty children maximum per program

Six years and older: Twenty five children maximum per program

Cost (per one hour program)*

\$75 per school district

\$45 per pre-school

\$75 per community organization

FREE when participating in Easter Seals Hop-N-Ing Program

**Four Program maximum per day*

Testimonials

“The activities and equipment are very effective!”

Girl Scout Troup #1562- Mt. Lebanon

“The children could not stop talking about their experiences with the equipment.”

-Westminster Nursery School, Upper St. Clair

“It is the best program for teaching children about disabilities.”

Jewish East Suburban Preschool, Monroeville

Mission

Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania (ESWCPA) provides exceptional programs and services to ensure that people with disabilities or other special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

