



Dear Treasured Campers and Camper Families,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to you today. While we never imagined that the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic would stretch into the summer months, we know now that our plans for Camp Sunnyside summer programming will be impacted. This week we made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional camp season.

The health and safety of our campers has always and will always be our most critical priority. We know what camp means to you. For our campers it means time with friends, fun and exciting new experiences, and memories that last a lifetime. For families, it means knowing your loved one is having a great time while you get a break from caregiving. This decision was not made lightly, however given the highly contagious nature of this virus, the health conditions of our campers and the inability to guarantee the recommended social distancing, we believe this is the best way to ensure everyone's safety.

All fees and registration will be reimbursed. If you paid any registration or fees you will receive a check from Easterseals in the mail no later than June 1, 2020. If you have noticed your check has not cleared the bank, it is because we stopped processing early on in the pandemic, and you will receive your original check back through the mail.

We do have some limited programming options available to you. All groups will be under 10 persons at this time. We will regularly assess and adjust as needed.

Option 1

Expanded small group child care for children with and without disability ages 6-12

-This program will run Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Extended hours may be available on request. Activities will include some traditional camp favorites like sing along's, paddle boats, fishing, rock climbing and nature trails. Schedule and fee information are included in the attached question and answers document. If you are interested in signing up for this option please contact Maggie Cox at mcox@eastersealsia.org or call 515-309-2375. You can also find the forms on our website at www.eastersealsia.org.

Option 2

Small group respite for teens with disability- This program will run Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Extended hours may be available on request. Activities will include some traditional camp favorites like sing along's, paddle boats, fishing, rock climbing and nature trails. Schedule and fee information are included in the attached question and answers document. If you are interested in signing up for this option please contact Maggie Cox at mcox@eastersealsia.org or call 515-309-2375. You can

also find the forms on our website at www.eastersealsia.org.

Option 3

Social Connections- Telehealth sessions to increase social interactions, skill building and support. Offered at a standing time once per week. Schedule and fee information is included in the attached question and answers document.

Option 4

Individual Respite- Provided in the home or the community. Intended to give caregivers a break. Schedule and fee information is included in the attached question and answers document. To request services, please contact Renee Bell at 515-309-1783.

Option 5

Supported Community Living- this is a skill-building program and is designed to meet the individual needs of each client. Skills may include laundry, cooking, meal planning, problem solving and developing/practicing social skills. This service is available for children and adults. Schedule and fee information is included in the attached question and answers document. To request services please contact Renee Bell at 515-309-1783.

Option 6

The Spirit of Camp Sunnyside- This is a free option we are offering to help keep the spirit of Camp Sunnyside alive and well. Help us by signing up and log on for a variety of activities and opportunities to see some old friends. Schedule included in attached question and answers document.

Even though we will be kept apart this summer, please know that you all will be in our hearts and we miss you already. We will be hosting some virtual camp activities, so please be watching our social media channels and participate as you are able. We cannot wait to see you ALL for Camp Sunnyside 2021! Until then, stay safe, stay well and stay in touch!

[Camp Sunnyside Q & A's](#)

Best,
Sherri Nielsen

Easterseals Iowa provides exceptional services to ensure all people with disabilities or special needs, and their families, have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

STAY CONNECTED

