

Sensory and Inclusive (SI) Community Partnership

Mission

To equip businesses/organizations with basic knowledge of ASD and other developmental disabilities to ensure confidence and comfort in providing a quality experience for the organization, individuals in need of support, and their families.

Importance

The North Dakota Autism Center, Inc.'s (NDAC) Sensory and Inclusive Community Partnership program, is a bridge between businesses/organizations and those on the developmental disability spectrum. Ultimately, NDAC believes this program will help provide a more inclusive environment to families within the community as well as empower the business or organization to welcome individuals of all abilities.

NDAC will provide a general overview of those in need of support, as well as some tips for interacting with individuals on the spectrum within their business and community. NDAC believes with training for employees of local businesses and organizations, we will help to combat the isolation and stigma experienced by those affected by developmental disabilities.

Becoming a Sensory and Inclusive Community Partner

When your local business or organization expresses interest in the program through direct contact, a member of NDAC's Development Team will set up an initial phone call or meeting with you. During the phone call or meeting, the NDAC will gather information regarding what you hope to gain from this process and provide a synopsis of what the training offers, including end goals, specifications, and deliverables. If you agree to continue with the process, we will schedule an organizational walk-through where we assess your space and make recommendations for accessibility.



An NDAC team member will work with you to schedule the in-person training and provide a recorded training for your employees who cannot attend. The training, about 30 minutes in length, will provide your employees with a base knowledge of developmental disabilities and the “Do’s and Don’ts” for best practice of interaction.

With NDAC’s SI Community Partner training, your staff will become equipped to make your business welcoming and inclusive to individuals and families who need it!

FAQ

What are the requirements for becoming a Sensory and Inclusive (SI) Community Partner?

- Complete the SI Community Partner process, including business walk-through, acknowledgement of recommendations, and employee training.
- We ask that as an SI Community Partner you commit to having all employees not present at the in-person training complete the digital version of training, including any new employees hired during active certification.
- For quality assurance, NDAC’s team will conduct quarterly “Check-Ins” with your business, which might look like a phone call, email, or visit during business hours.

What are the costs involved?

- There are no direct charges to becoming an SI Community Partner under NDAC. The only financial commitments you make are the time costs associated with the partner process and employee training.

How long does this certification last?

- Each certification lasts one year, with the option for renewing your SI Community Partner certification by agreeing to complete the most recent SI Community Partner training.



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