

## Responsibilities for 1:1 Aides

Safety Town requires that a parent/guardian provide a 1:1 aide to accompany an enrolled child with identified special needs throughout the week-long session, **if the child presently receives aide support at school.** The aide must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Have training and/or experience in special education
- Return signed acknowledgement at least seven days before the beginning of the session

# The Aide's Responsibilities Include:

### Behavioral Support:

- Implement behavioral strategies recommended to you by the parent/guardian or as outlined in the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or behavior plan to better assist with group participation.
- Provide positive reinforcement and redirection as needed.

### Communication:

- Facilitate effective communication between the child and other campers, directors, and volunteers.
- Advocate for the child's needs and preferences.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding each student and family

#### Inclusion:

- Promote the inclusion of the child in all camp activities, encouraging participation and socialization with other campers.
- Collaborate with camp directors to adapt activities to meet the child's needs and abilities.
- Monitor the child's interactions with peers to prevent any potential issues.

## Assistance with Learning and Participation:

- Support the child's engagement in educational and recreational activities.
- Provide assistance with academic or skill-building tasks as needed.
- Work closely with camps' teen counselors (CITs), program directors, staff and other volunteers to ensure a cohesive and supportive camp environment.

#### Follow the Dress Code:

- Wear provided blue vest and name badge daily.
- Wear closed toe shoes

Open communication between Safety Town staff and parent/guardian of a special needs child is essential for a successful and inclusive summer camp experience for the special needs child. It's important for the 1:1 aide to have a clear understanding of the child's individual needs, preferences, and any specific challenges.

Please return the signed acknowledgment to our Program Director, Anne Gould, at <u>Anne@sbsafetytown.org</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Thank you.

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| I have read and understand the information above. I agree to follow these guidelines. |                                       |                   |                                       |
| Parent Name   |                                       | Signature         |                                       |
| Child Name  |                                       | Session Week/Site |                                       |
|   |                                       |                   |                                       |
| Aide Name   |                                       | Signature         |                                       |
| Address   |                                       | Phone Number      |                                       |