

# SNP COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



## THE INCLUSION EXPERIENCE

*A Program of the Special Needs Partnership*

The Inclusion Experience is a hands-on, multi-sensory simulation designed for participants to experience the reality of the difficulties faced by people with

specific disabilities. Our goal is to help build and create awareness and understanding, sensitivity and inclusion, and empathy and compassion.

Groups of all ages and abilities are given the opportunity to participate in stations simulating what it's like to have behaviors associated with: learning differences, executive functioning challenges, fine motor difficulties, and hearing, speech, vision and memory impairments. At each of the stations, trained facilitators open up discussions about what can be done to better accommodate those with special needs in personal and professional settings. Participants also discuss the emotions that individuals may have who are managing these daily challenges.

## PERK

### PARENTS EMPOWERED RAISING KIDS

Coffee | Conversations | Connections

PERK, our parent and guardian support group, meets monthly to help create and support connections between adults who are raising children or caring for adults with special needs. PERK events are facilitated by professionals from the JFS Special Needs Resource Team and are designed to give parents tools, resources, and support for everyday challenges.

### Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas



Building Inclusion in our  
Faith Communities

The Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND) is a collaboration of faith communities coming together to create inclusion for those with special needs. FIND offers support by sharing best practices and resources, and educating faith leaders with the goal of providing a sense of belonging for all.

In 2015, Jewish Family Service of Dallas convened its first two-day conference with faith leaders. Now, five years later, temples, synagogues, churches, and mosques are coming together to continue to move our mission forward. Stay tuned for more information about FIND in 2020.

For more information about these community programs, please contact Lorraine Friedman, Director of Special Needs Partnership and Programs at Jewish Family Service at 972.437.5831 or [lfriedman@jfsdallas.org](mailto:lfriedman@jfsdallas.org).



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