

# Information Regarding Support Workers at Embrace Arts Foundation Day Camps

## Does This Camper Require A Support Worker?

While we want to make it possible for campers to be able to attend independently when possible - we also want it to be a safe and enjoyable experience for the camper.

At camp we are currently able to guarantee a minimum of 3:1 ratio of campers to staff. Our staff is trained in making playful, structured environments that celebrate all modalities of movement and communication. All staff also have standard first aid training & CPR-C.

Our summer staff team is not able to provide: medical care, lifts and transfers, any form of containment or restraint, nor full personal care.

Due to these limitations, the campers with the following support needs or behaviours will require to attend with a personal support worker:

### Medical

- G-tube Feeding
- Tracheostomy Tube Suction
- Support in taking medications, other than reminders for campers to self administer medications, or those with epi-pens or other emergency medications
- Regular Seizure Activity

### Personal Care

- Full Toileting Support:

We are unable to provide support to any bathroom processes that:

- require any form of lifting or transferring
- support with washroom processes that routinely take more than 3 minutes.

We are able to provide partial toileting support. This might include:

- bathroom reminders
- support with washing hands
- wiping if a camper can stand independently while holding onto a grab bar
- care for accidents if they occur

## Behavioural

- Bolting: Our camp is run at a shared facility that has an active parking lot and busy road at the front of the building. While we do all of our activities indoors or in the backfield & playground, if a camper is prone to bolting it is critical that they attend with 1:1 support.
- Self injurious behavior: This includes regularly hitting oneself, self biting, head banging, etc.
- Aggression towards others: This includes regularly engaging in verbal, physical, or sexual aggression.

Have further questions? Connect with our team at [info@embracearts.org](mailto:info@embracearts.org).

## **Support Workers**

Given the current size and scale of our organization, we are not able to provide 1:1 support workers at this time.

If your camper requires 1:1 care, it is the caregiver's responsibility to find a suitable PSW at this time. While we know it's not always possible, we highly recommend that campers attend with someone they have previously worked with in order to have an optimal experience.

We also ask that the support worker is not the parent or guardian of the camper. This guideline is in place to support camper engagement and feelings of independence. Exemptions to this rule can be made at the discretion of the camp director. If you have questions, you can connect with our team at [info@embracearts.org](mailto:info@embracearts.org).

If you don't have a regular support worker and your camper is under the age of majority, we recommend starting by checking out Lifetime Networks Summer Inclusion Service. More information is available here: [Lifetime Network Summer Inclusion Service](#)