

Special Needs/Special Trust

The Special Needs Alliance is a national, non-profit organization committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them. Many of our member attorneys have family members with special needs; all of them work regularly with [public benefits](#), guardianships/conservatorships, [planning for disabilities](#) and [special education](#) issues. We volunteer significant time to the special needs community and advocate for legislative and regulatory change to improve quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

<http://www.specialneedsalliance.org/>

Think College! -College Options for People with Intellectual Disabilities

<http://www.thinkcollege.net/>

7 WAYS TO MAKE TRAVELING SENSORY FRIENDLY

The constant fear of your son or daughter becoming overly stimulated and then having a total meltdown can be a major turnoff for wanting to go on a family trip. However, there may be some solutions to keep your family night out from turning into a family night in. Here are 7 helpful tips and tricks that you can use to help address your child's needs and keep the good times rolling.

<https://thefullestpotential.com/blog/7-ways-to-make-traveling-sensory-friendly>

Social Security Disability Resource Center

The goal of SSDRC.COM, the *Social Security Disability Resource Center*, is to inform readers about how the Social Security Disability and SSI Disability process works from start to finish. This includes what to expect before, during, and after a disability application has been processed, common mistakes that need to be avoided, and what to do and how to react in specific situations (for example, receiving notices of denial, obtaining the status of the claim at different points, providing needed evidence, and undergoing a disability interview with a Social Security Claims Representative).

For More Information Click The Link <http://www.ssdrc.com/>

REAP-The Richmond Entrepreneur's Assistance Program (REAP)

What is REAP?

The Richmond Entrepreneur's Assistance Program (REAP) is a 501c3, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comprehensive job training and meaningful employment for new and diverse

entrepreneurs. Our primary focus is to meet the specific need for workforce development for people with disabilities.

Using a social enterprise model, we have applied an entrepreneurial approach to address the high unemployment rate for people with disabilities.

We help real people find real jobs and real hope through the following REAP-owned non-profit businesses:

Learn More About REAP <http://www.reapva.org/>

Miracles In Motion/ Dance Classes For Those With Special Needs

Providing quality dance instruction to people with special needs while Promoting Awareness in the community through the Joy of Dancing!

Click Link <http://miraclesinmotionva.org/>

SKY ZONE SPECIAL NEEDS SENSORY FRIENDLY NIGHT IS BACK!

SKY ZONE RICHMOND, VA, 1345 Carmia Way, Richmond, VA 23235, [\(804\) 379-2500](tel:8043792500)

Sky Zone will turn off the music and dial down the distractions for the comfort of our extra special jumpers. We welcome children and adults with special needs and their siblings, family and friends to jump for 60 minutes for \$8. We will make every effort to accommodate all jumpers with any kind of special needs. Please call us if you have specific questions. And come early to get checked in so you don't miss a minute of jumping!

Special Needs Sensory Friendly Night will be held the **First Monday of every month during the school year** from **5pm-6pm**. In the case that the first Monday is a school holiday for Chesterfield County Public Schools, we will postpone the event to the **Second Monday** of that month. Keep an eye on our Calendar by clicking the link above for full details.

Regal Cinemas Now Offering Sensory-friendly movies !

Hooray! Another business making a difference for our families!

Regal Cinemas is calling it "My Way Matinee" and these movies will allow the children to see movies with lights on and sounds lowered.

"We love the idea that family, friends and individuals can come to the theater and see a movie with the lights up and the volume lowered, that they might have a more comfortable atmosphere than they had before," said Sandra Heinig, director of public relations for Regal Cinemas.

Regal says if the response is good for each of the showings, they could continue the "My Way Matinee" program regularly throughout the year. For a full list of participating locations and additional information, you can visit www.regmovies.com/mywaymatinee.

Locally, Short Pump is participating. Pan will be playing Oct 24th, 2015, tickets will be \$6.50!

This makes me happy!