SEVTC Multi- Media Center

Southeastern Virginia Training Center (SEVTC) in Chesapeake Virginia is one of five regional training centers supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities. Part of our expanding mission is to increase number of individuals with intellectual disabilities who can become an active part of their community. The multi-media center is designed to bring a theater experience to those individuals who have specialized care needs and are unable to comfortably enjoy a more traditional entertainment venue. The multi-media center can be tailored to accommodate personal preferences in a way that has not been available in the Hampton Roads area before.

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Supporting Accessibility For All

What Can the Multi-Media Center Provide for People with Significant Intellectual Disabilities?

- Specialized Movie Theater
- Community-Integrated Programming
- ♦ Sensory Stimulation
- ♦ Instructional Training
- Communication Training
- Skype with Family or Friends
- Social Experiences: Building Relationships and Friendships
- Computer-Based, Interactive Exercise and Movement Programs
- Reading Large Print
- Attend Sporting Events that Require a Large Screen
- Media-Based Presentations

Features of the SEVTC Multi-Media Center

- Custom seating
- Sound System that Provides a Theater Sensation
- Surround Sound with Viewing Capability for Small Groups
- ♦ Large Screen
- Gaming Systems (e.g., Wii, Play station)
- Computer Capability for PowerPoint
- ♦ DVD
- Blue Ray with 3D Access
- Ability to Connect IPOD or Other Music Technology
- Capability to Expand System as Technology Advances

Philosophy

While many individuals with intellectual disabilities access entertainment at commercial movie theaters, individuals with significant physical, behavioral and psychiatric needs may struggle when attending traditional entertainment venues. Some individuals need entertainment options that are closer to home and are adapted to accommodate significant physical care needs.

The SEVTC Multi-Media Center offers entertainment in a manner that allows the individual to customize the environment (e.g., select the amount of time the game is played or the number of minutes the movie is played). Similarly, breaks can be built into the experience on an as-needed basis. The multi-media seating options are wheelchair accessible, lifts are available, and there is plenty of room for small groups to adjust seating arrangements. Additionally, the SEVTC Multi-Media Center provides opportunities for skill building, music and movement, exercise programs, gaming, and other media-based training opportunities.

Lending Policy

Any public agency supporting people with disabilities is eligible to utilize the Multi-Media Center without cost.

The SEVTC Multi-Media Center is available on a first come basis. SEVTC is providing access to the equipment only. Whether an individual is appropriate for equipment use should be decided by professionals providing support.

The borrowing agency shall assume liability for any and all damage or loss to personal property, accident/injury to themselves or other persons related to the borrowing of all equipment.



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