

ARISE

(A Recreational Inclusion Support Endeavor)



Hi Parents/Guardians

Enclosed you will find registration information for ARISE, a sponsored program of St. Cloud Area School District 742 Community Education and supported in part by the United Way of Central MN. ARISE provides assistance for children with disabilities as they access community recreation and leisure activities with their friends. Assistance is tailored to your child's individual needs and can range from one on one help in an activity to providing in-service to agency staff. This assistance is provided at no cost to you, the families or to the agencies.

ARISE works with existing youth agencies in the area such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Community Education, YMCA, Parks and Rec., Little League, Figure Skating, school sports teams, youth leagues, Vacation Bible School, Paramount Arts Programs, etc. Any agency or program that provides recreational activities of any kind is an option. (ARISE does not provide support to day care programs such as Kid Stop, Kids Club, Targeted Services, etc.)

For those of you with older children with disabilities, ARISE provides support for: school dances, prom, graduation party, attending games, managing sports team, volunteering in the community, helping with the crew for the school play, etc.

The way the program works is very simple:

- identify an activity your child would like to do
- register for the activity with the community agency
- return your registration form and update information (**or call ARISE, 320-370-8212**) and register them for support,
- please give as much advance notice as possible to allow for staff placement and training
- ARISE will provide an assistant for the activity who will meet your child at the chosen activity, work with them in the activity and then meet you when the activity is finished. You are responsible for the transportation to and from the activity.

ARISE works with children ages birth to 22 (or when they complete their formal public schooling). If your son/daughter would like to participate in an activity with their friends please give us a call, we'd love to talk with you about the possibilities.

As in years past we will do our best to find support for your child. However, as with many agencies that serve children, we are experiencing staff shortages at times and may not be able to meet all requests. If you know of someone who would like to work on a part-time basis with children with disabilities, we are always looking for referrals. Please feel free to share our contact information.

Sincerely,

Deb Johansen
ARISE Coordinator