

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S HOME-BASED PROGRAM

The Children's Program is funded through a waiver program with the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services. DHS contracts with Balance based on our resources and expertise to provide services to identified children. Balance provides the trained and experience staff that meet the DHS criteria. Balance will meet with children in their homes to work on individualized goals and skills.

The entire family of the child is of the utmost importance in the child's program. Staff are entering into their home. Staff from Balance will also get to know each member of the family to better connect with the participant. Each child will have an individualized plan of specific goals that will be worked on. Some goals may be long term while some may not. When goals are achieved and the child is successful, those successes are celebrated. Goals are regularly evaluated and prioritized with the family and the team. Staff work with families to set up times to meet with the child, usually in their homes after school for approximately 2-6 hours a week. Hours can vary depending on needs and goals.

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Summer Recreation Program is also funded through the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services. It is offered for two different three week sessions each summer accommodating about 48 kids between the two sessions. The children with developmental disabilities between the ages of 5 and 15.

The Summer Recreation is a great opportunity for the individual to be connected to their community in a fun, exciting way. This program pairs up each child with a volunteer staff who spend the day going into the community for recreational activities, friendships, and new opportunities to grow as an individual. Activities include swimming, museums, zoos, nature parks and preserves, water parks, picnics and so much more.

## SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The Children's Social Skills Program is additionally funded by Ozaukee County Department of Human Services. It runs every Tuesday during the school year from 3:45pm to 5:45pm. This program is offered to children between the ages of 5 and 17 with developmental disabilities. Each child is paired with a staff member for the social skills session. Balance is running this program as a new pilot from January through May 2019. If successful, Balance will continue the program for the following fall and spring semesters.



## Features & Benefits

- Daily Living Skills
- Social Connectedness
- Community Integration
- Recreation & Leisure
- The Arts
- Movement
- Pet Therapy