

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SERVICES

The Balance **Summer Recreation Program** is funded through the Ozaukee County Department of Human Services. It is offered for two different three week sessions each summer accommodating about 48 kids during the two sessions. The program provides children with developmental disabilities between the ages of five and fifteen with a great opportunity for social connections with their community in a fun, inclusive, exciting way. This program pairs up each child with a volunteer staff mentor to participate in community-based recreational activities, fostering 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.

Balance's **Social Skills Program** is also funded by Ozaukee County Department of Human Services and private pay. It runs Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year for 13-15 weeks. This program is offered to children between the ages of five and seventeen with developmental disabilities within two age group sessions. On Tuesdays, the younger group is heavily focused on making social connections with each other and the staff mentors. The older group meets Thursdays, focusing on daily living skills, developing volunteer skill and participate in more community-based settings for activities.

Balance began this program as a new pilot from January through May 2019. It was so successful, Ozaukee County requested the program expand to two days and create two age groups. Balance will continue the program with two age groups (five to eleven) and (twelve to seventeen) on separate program week days.

The goal of the Social Skills program is to promote personal growth, social interaction and new daily living experiences. Children are part of an exciting program where they can come relax, hang out, make social connections, foster friendships and partake in exciting activities many of which are community based. The program brings in a variety of professional individuals who are experts in art, music, science, animal interaction and reading skills. **If interested, please contact Ashly Kammerer at 262-268-6811, akammerer@balanceinc.org or Gene Baumann at 262-689 4724, ebaumann@balanceinc.org.**



Features & Benefits

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