

EVERYONE WELCOME

Strategies for Including Everyone with Special Needs at Church



WITH
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Sponsored by Lincoln's First Free Church

First Free Church
3300 S. 84th Street, Lincoln



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Workshop Sessions

Disabilities and Faith Overview

Where do disabilities fit into the framework of our faith? What does the Bible say about special needs? How do disabilities affect faith development? This session answers those questions and more.

Creating an Inclusive Culture at Church

This workshop explains how to create a welcoming climate for those with disabilities across church ministries and age groups.

Understanding Parents of Kids with Disabilities

Learn about the concerns parents have for their kids with special needs and how to partner with them to encourage spiritual development in their children.

Special Needs Ministry Logistics

Enrollment, information forms, volunteer training, staffing, scheduling, confidentiality, and other children's ministry logistics will be covered.

Classroom Modifications for Success

This session is packed with ideas volunteers can use to modify space and adjust curriculum to better meet the needs of all learners.

Jolene taught elementary school for 25 years. She's author of the Different Dream Parenting series and blogs at her special needs website, DifferentDream.com. She speaks at special needs conferences around the country. Jolene and her husband enjoy their empty nest in Boone, Iowa.

Katie is a former special education teacher. Her educational consulting firm serves families by providing solution-oriented advocacy. She pens the special needs column for Children's Ministry magazine and blogs at katiwetherbee.wordpress.com. Katie & her husband live in Chagrin Falls, Ohio with their 2 children and their dog, Mitzie.

Jolene and Katie are both parents of kids with special needs.

Workshop Schedule

- 8:30-9:00** Registration*
9:00-10:30 Session 1
Disabilities and Faith Overview
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:45 Session 2
Creating an Inclusive Culture at Church
11:45-12:45 Lunch*
12:45-1:45 Session 3
Understanding Parents of Kids with Disabilities
1:45-2:00 Break
2:00-3:00 Session 4 Options
Special Needs Ministry Logistics or
Classroom Modifications for Success

*Complimentary breakfast and lunch provided. RSVP Danelle Mills at sdmills1@juno.com or 402-261-8304.