

Inclusion & Support Services Monthly Speaker Series

The Gift of Accessible Experiences



JCC Inclusion & Support Services

Creating opportunities, reducing barriers and fostering a true sense of belonging

Children & Teens

- **Early Childhood**- infants through kindergarten
- **After School at the J**
- **Club Connect**- afterschool programming for teens with disabilities
- **Club Connect & B.O.L.D.**- weekend socialization and community service opportunities for teens

Fitness & Wellness

- **Adaptive swim lessons**
- **Personal training**
- **Adaptive yoga classes**

Camp Yachad

- **Shadow Program**- provides a 1:1 shadow counselor to campers with disabilities in an inclusion setting
- **Skills Training Program**- provides paid supported employment opportunities in the camp setting

Support Services

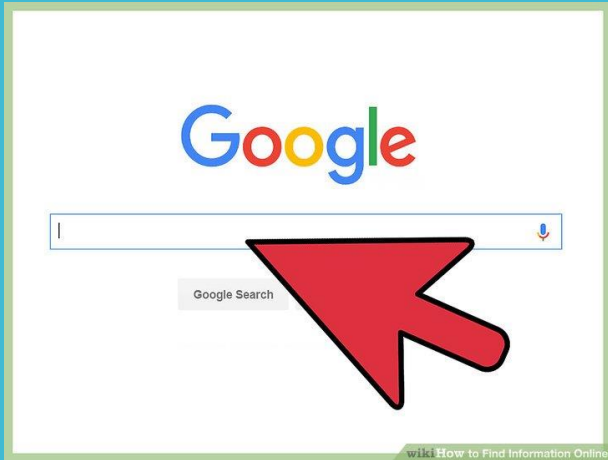
- **Parent Advocacy and Support Services (Parent PASS)**- educational advocacy services at an affordable price
- **Monthly Speaker Series**
- **Special Needs Resource Directory**
- **Community referrals**



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**Together, our communities provide
advocacy, programming and
supports to people of all abilities
and their families.**



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What Makes a Destination Accessible?

ADA Compliant . Braille . Closed Captioning . Sensory Bags . Designated Quiet Spaces . Menu Ingredients . Staff Training . Staff Ratio . Priority Boarding

Website Keywords



Accessibility
Guest Services
Visitors Information
Visit
Support
Know Before you Go
Live Chat Button

How to Find Information on Accessibility?

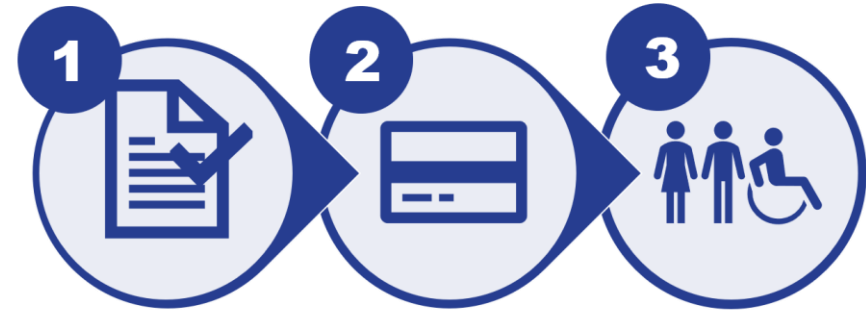


Accessibility through IBCCES

International Board of Credentialing
and Continuing Education Standards

Certify organizations in the following ways:

1. Certified Autism Center
2. Advanced Certified Autism Center
3. Autism Certified City
4. Certified Autism Destination



1
Complete the
Online
Application

2
Take Print or
Digital Copy to
Guest Services
at your Favorite
Attraction

3
Gain Access to
Accommodations
Offered by the
Attraction

Accessibility through IBCCES

IBCCES Accessibility Card (IAC)

<https://ibcces.org/ac/>

Activities

iFly All Abilities Program, Paramus NJ- Indoor sky diving program facilitated by trained staff

LifeTown, Livingston NJ- 53,000 foot “town” providing the community with hands-on CBI experiences

Bowlero Low Sensory Hours, East Brunswick NJ- 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesdays, weighted vests and noise cancelling headphones available

We Rock the Spectrum, Mount Laurel NJ- Specially designed sensory safe gym with therapy equipment offering respite and 1:1 attendant care

Chucky Cheese Sensory Sensitive Sundays, Edison NJ- Offered on the 1st Sunday of every month with reduced lighting and noise, menu modifications and trained staff. Free admission.

Sky Zone Cares- Dedicated sensory hours at various locations with lower lighting and higher staff ratio



Playgrounds

Central Park of Morris County – Parsippany-Troy Hills

Milton A. Votee Park – Teaneck

Phil Rizzuto Park – Elizabeth

Ann Van Middlesworth Park – Hillsborough

Challenger Place – Colts Neck

Hamilton Township's Accessible Playground at Veteran's Park – Hamilton

Tony's Place at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park – Long Branch

Fort Medford Playground at Bob Meyer Park – Medford

Jake's Place at Challenge Grove Park – Cherry Hill

Halibey, D. (2019, May 23). *10 Awesome Accessible Playgrounds for New Jersey Kids*. MommyPoppins.Com.
<https://mommypoppins.com/new-jersey-kids/parks-playgrounds/10-awesome-accessible-playgrounds-for-new-jersey-kids>



Zoos & Aquariums

Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange NJ- ADA accessible, wheelchairs available

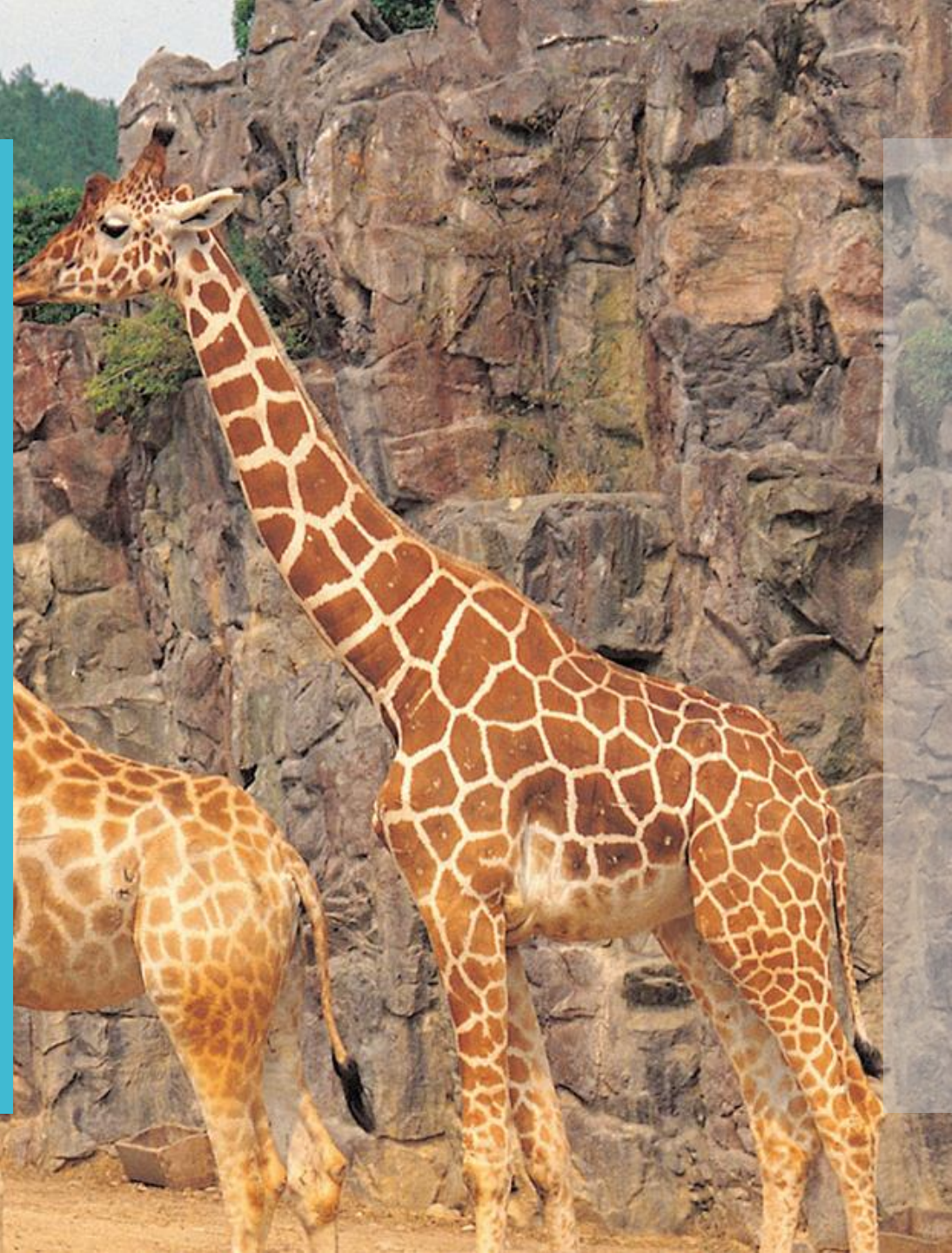
Adventure Aquarium, Camden NJ- sound reducing headphones, weighted blankets, behind the scenes Shark Shack tour available

Bronx Zoo, NY- social story, sensory bags, quiet zones, and wheelchairs available, provide staff training

Philadelphia Zoo, PA- request a personalized tour, KidZooU program includes social story and visual schedule

Smithsonian's National Zoo, Washington DC- ASL, CART and audio description, social stories and sensory friendly kits available

National Aquarium, Baltimore MD- express and early entry on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month, trained guides, CC, assistive listening devices, scripts and ASL interpreters available, Braille tour and sensory bags available



Sculpture & Gardens

Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton NJ- wheelchairs and mobility vehicles for rent, docent-led touch tours for individuals with visual impairments, assisted listening devices and closed captioning, map detailing accessible pathways

Fragrance and Sensory Gardens, Somerset NJ- designed for sensory exploration for individuals with visual impairments, raised garden beds featuring Braille

NY Botanical Gardens, Bronx NY- tram transportation, wheelchairs, assistive listening devices, audio tours, large print transcripts and social story available

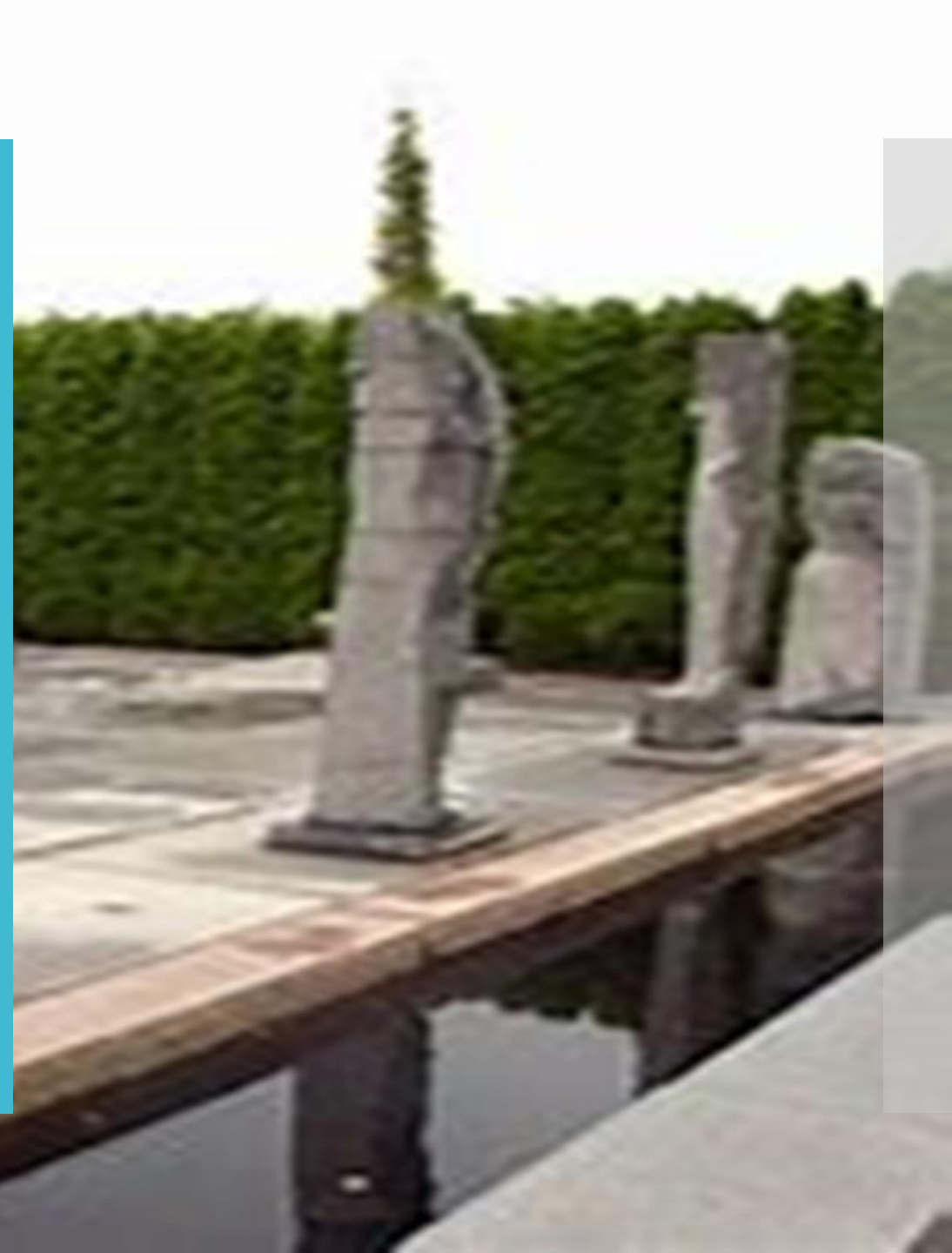


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Museums

New Jersey &
New York City




- **Liberty Science Center, Jersey City NJ-** Hearing loop, CC and wheelchairs available
- **Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, Branchburg NJ-** sensory friendly astronomy and music shows offered
- **Aviation Hall of Fame, Teterboro NJ-** small, quiet museum with calm environment
- **Brooklyn Children's Museum, NYC-** dedicated sensory room with facilitators
- **Children's Museum of the Arts, NYC-** Free adaptive art classes every Saturday
- **Museum of Natural History Discovery Squad Tours, NYC-** Induction loop, assistive listening devices, transcripts and ASL interpreters available. Discovery Squad tours and social story.
- **Jewish Museum, NYC-** ASL and verbally descriptive tours for deaf and blind people, multisensory tours for individuals with memory impairment, and hands-on access family art workshops. Available online or in-person
- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, NYC-** Offers interactive guide, social story, sensory guide and bags. Sensory friendly evenings, all-access maker camp and memory programs available.

Museums

Pennsylvania & Washington, DC



- **Franklin Institute, Philadelphia PA-** Sensory alert maps and backpacks as well as quiet spaces available
- **Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia PA-** Play Without Boundaries hours, social stories, sensory quiet kids and quiet zones available
- **Buck's County Children's Museum, New Hope, PA-** Social story and sensory backpack available
-  **Turkey Hill Experience, Lancaster County PA-** Ice cream museum, lab and tasting experience
- **Smithsonian Museums, Washington DC-** Morning at the Museum Programs, offers pre-visit videos, sensory maps, social stories and visual schedules vary according to museum
- **Spy Museum, Washington DC-** Access to Spy dedicated quiet hours (free), video/print social stories and sensory sensitivity map available

Sensory Friendly Theater

Union County Performing Arts Center,
Rahway NJ

Papermill Playhouse, Millburn NJ

Two River Theater, Red Bank NJ

State Theater, New Brunswick NJ

Regal Cinemas- My Way Matinee
sensory friendly movies 10:30 AM on the
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

AMC Theaters- sensory friendly films on
the 2nd and 4th Saturday and Tuesday
evenings each month



Sporting Events

Somerset Patriots, TD Ballpark, Bridgewater NJ- extra cleaning available for guests with peanut allergies, access to the field for parades, wheelchair accessible and companion seating and menu ingredients available at concession stands

Yankee Stadium-, Bronx, NY- offers assistive listening devices, CC, Braille menus, handheld radios, induction loops, family restrooms, sensory kits and accessible stadium tours available

Met Life Stadium, East Rutherford NJ- assistive listening systems, CC, ASL, sensory bags, wheelchair and companion seating available



Adaptive Sports Adventures

Para Cliff Hangers, New York- provide adaptive climbing opportunities to individuals with disabilities. Currently being offered every 3rd Sunday of the month from 11-2 and Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30

Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports, Killington Vermont- provides year-round lessons and activities for individuals with physical, cognitive or mental health disabilities. Participants are matched with trained 1:1 support personnel for year-round fun. Locations include Killington Resort, Sugarbush Resort and more!



Special Needs Nights

Sahara Sam's Oasis, West Berlin NJ- Special Evenings at Sam's (SEAS) Indoor/outdoor water park offering dedicated special needs nights at a reduced rate. Water lifts, quiet rooms and modified lighting/sound available. Guests can also purchase private event packages through the SEAS program.

FunPlex, Mount Laurel NJ- Indoor amusement park offering laser tag, games, bowling and rides. Outdoor water park is open seasonally. Sounds and lights are turned down during dedicated events.

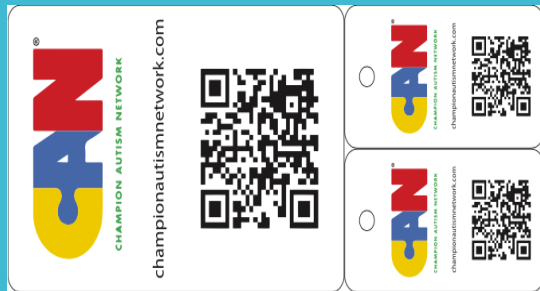


Theme Parks



- **Great Adventure, Jackson NJ**- Offers the Attraction Accessibility Program with IAC card
- **Knoebel's Amusement Resort, Elysburg PA**- offers courtesy wristband for ride access
- **Dorney Park, PA**- Boarding Pass Program ride reservation system, KidTrack wristband, parent-swap and a quiet, sensory room
- **Hershey Park, Hershey PA**- Ride accessibility program and designated quiet spaces
- **Sesame Place, Langhorne PA**- Ride accessibility program with IAC, sensory guide, quiet rooms, low sensory areas, low sensory parade viewing

Autism Supportive Communities



- **Rhinebeck New York**- entire town took the “Just One Thing” pledge and has engaged in Autism training so that people with Autism feel welcomed and included. Accommodations include sensory-friendly seating, picture menus, sensory kits, designated quiet spaces, staff training, etc. Includes restaurants, shopping, bookstores, theater, hospitals, police stations and more.
- **Myrtle Beach and Surfside Beach, South Carolina**- community wide training through Champion Autism Network (CAN). Obtain a CAN card for \$5 ahead of your visit for access to businesses, services, accommodations and discounts.
- **Mesa, Arizona- first Autism Certified City**- 38 community participants have been certified including hotels, restaurants, shopping, adventures, attractions and geo-tourism. Mesa Autism Travel Guide available.



Disney Parks & Orlando Experiences

Disney Theme Parks:

Offers visitor planning services

Disability Access Service (DAS) affords guests with disabilities access to rides with reduced waits

Parent-swap on rides

Park specific guides available

Food allergy accommodations and menus with ingredients

Assistive listening devices, captioning and ASL interpretation

Hotel room accessibility

Sea World, Discovery Cove, Aquatica near Orlando Florida-
Offer a ride accessibility program and dedicated allergen accommodation dining



Resorts & Cruising



Beaches Resorts by Sandals, Caribbean- Beaches Special Services team will help plan, Offer certified kids camp staff, dining accommodations, 1:1 Beaches Buddy

Celebrity Cruises- Autism Friendly Ships

Royal Caribbean- Autism on the Seas

Staffed cruises

Provide many onboard accommodations for accessibility and medical accommodations

Respite care

Staffed activities, mealtimes, swimming and excursions

Onboard Autism TV channel

Sensory friendly films

Toy lending program

Social stories

PECS boards available

Financial assistance opportunities



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Air Travel

- **TSA Cares-** a helpline that provides travelers with disabilities and medical conditions with assistance during the security screening process. TSA notification card
- **The Arc Wings for Autism / Wings for All Program-** offers practice opportunities at airports to help individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities best prepare for air travel with a realistic airport and security experience including boarding a grounded airplane.

**Currently on hold*

TSA Notification Card: Individuals with Disabilities and Medical Conditions

I have the following health condition, disability or medical device that may affect my screening:

I understand that alternate procedures providing an equivalent level of security screening are available and can be done in private. I also understand that presenting this card does not exempt me from screening.

Information • Assistance Requests • Compliments • Complaints

TSA Cares

1-855-787-2227 (Federal Relay 711)

Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET

TSA-ContactCenter@tsa.dhs.gov

Weekends/Holidays: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET

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Automated information offered in 12 languages

Call 72 hours prior to traveling to request the assistance of a Passenger Support Specialist (PSS) at the checkpoint. If a PSS is not available, you may ask for a Supervisory TSA Officer at the checkpoint.

Land & Sea Vacation Travel Specialists

- **Wheelchair Escapes, Kristy Lacroix**- vacation specialist for mobility challenged travelers
- **Incredible Memories Travel, Kristy Durso**- travel specialist for individuals with food allergies, Autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities and mobility challenges



Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium

Discount code **JCCStars** offers a \$2 discount on each ticket to the Planetarium

Sahara Sam's Oasis

Use the code **ETICKET8OFF2021** when purchasing regular general admission tickets for a date in 2021

Use the code **ETICKET8OFF2022** when purchasing regular general admission tickets for a date in 2022

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Spotlight on JCC Inclusion Programming

Learn about the many inclusion programs and resources available at the JCC of Central NJ through a pre-recorded webinar.
View the webinar at your leisure throughout the month of December.

