

Inclusion Ministry @ Northeast Christian Church

What is the Inclusion Ministry?

The NECC Inclusion Ministry exists to partner Preschool and Elementary Age children who have special needs with a Adult Volunteer Buddy who will pair up with them as they participate in their age-appropriate ministry (Kidville Park Preschool, Kidville Theater for grades K-2, & Club Kidville for grades 3-5)

When does the Inclusion Ministry meet?

Currently the Inclusion Ministry operates during the Sunday 9:15 am service at the Brownsboro Campus.

How can my family register our child with special needs for the Inclusion Ministry?

Visit www.necchurch.org/elementary and under the inclusion header you'll be able to access an Inclusion Ministry Enrollment form. Simply download and print off the form, fill it out completely, and then submit to the church office via email or in person during a weekend service. Please note that before your child can be enrolled in Inclusion Ministry, NECC must first process the enrollment form and identify a buddy for your child. Our goal is for this process to take no longer than a week.

Once a child's enrollment form has been processed and a buddy has been identified, we will contact you and make arrangements for your child's first experience.

What if my child is unable to fully participate in their age-appropriate ministry?

While our goal is to fully include children with special needs, we realize that in some cases this may not be possible. NECC has a special designated room for Elementary age children and their buddies who are unable to fully participate due to a specific condition or limitation.

Who are Inclusion Ministry Buddies?

Inclusion Ministry Buddies are NECC Volunteers who are 18 years of age or older, have had background checks and screening, and who are fully trained as NECC Kidville Volunteers for safety and security procedures.

NECC Inclusion Volunteers often serve on a rotating basis. There may be a different buddy partnered with your child each weekend.

My family is planning to visit NECC for the first time, can we utilize the Inclusion Ministry without enrolling?

In order to provide a positive, safe, and secure environment, we are unable to accommodate walk-in registrations for Inclusion Ministry. If you'd like further information, please contact the church office

How can someone become a volunteer in the Inclusion Ministry?

Simply fill out a Youth Ministries Volunteer Application (located in Kidville Lobby at the Newstand), fill it out completely, and return it to the Kidville Newstand. At the top of the application, write "INCLUSION". After processing your application you'll be scheduled for Inclusion Training which consists of shadowing an Inclusion Buddy one weekend, followed by NECC Kidville Safety and Security Orientation.

After training and orientation, you'll be placed on a schedule and partnered with an Inclusion Child.

I have more questions – who can I contact?

For questions related to the Inclusion Ministry, contact Josh Rouse – josh.rouse@necchurch.org or Nicki Thomas – nicki.thomas@necchurch.org