

Miracle 139 – Special Needs Ministry Training Options

Full Day Training

Perfect for churches/organizations wanting to provide additional training, encouragement and motivation for their team, the full day training allows you to select two topics of your choice from the Special Needs Ministry Training Topics. One training will be presented in the morning and the second training in the afternoon. A time of Q&A will be included to ensure specificity for your team.

Consultation & Training

Looking for ways to grow, expand or improve your special needs ministry? Following an observation, our specialists will provide feedback and recommendations on factors that make a tremendous difference in the efficacy of your ministry, including environmental design, behavior management, administration and teaching strategies. After the morning consultation, a training of your choice from the Special Needs Ministry Training Topics will be provided for your staff and/volunteers.

Weekend Start-Up

The Weekend Start-Up provides a special needs ministry intensive for churches or organizations in the process of, or who recently started up a new ministry. In two days, you and your team will feel excited and better equipped to begin the amazing adventure of special needs ministry! The Weekend Start-Up schedule includes:

Saturday Morning: Consultation and collaboration with church pastor(s), children's ministry leader(s) and or special needs ministry leader(s) to review/discuss logistics, administrative questions, marketing and Q&A

Saturday Afternoon: Training for your organization's staff and volunteers: Disability Overview & Providing Individualized Support

Sunday Morning: Observation of your special needs ministry program, or (if your ministry has not yet launched) rehearsal of a 'typical' day in your special needs environment, followed by consultation and Q&A.

Sunday Afternoon: Training for your organization's staff and volunteers: Positive Behavior Management

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Weekend Boost

The Weekend Boost is the perfect training option for churches/ organizations with established special needs ministries that want to keep their staff and volunteers equipped and their ministries thriving. This training option provides both consultation and feedback, as well as your choice of training topics.

Saturday morning: Consultation with church pastor(s) children’s ministry leader(s) and or special needs ministry leader(s) to review/discuss logistics, administrative questions, marketing, problem solve any challenges and Q&A.

Saturday afternoon: Your choice of training from the list of Special Needs Ministry Training Topics for your organization’s staff and volunteers.

Sunday morning: Observation of your special needs ministry program followed by consultation and Q&A.

Sunday afternoon: Your choice of training from the list of Special Needs Ministry Training Topics for your organization’s staff and volunteers.

About the Miracle 139 training team:

The Miracle 139 training team is comprised of Christians who, first and foremost, believe children with special needs were beautifully and marvelously made by God (Psalm 139:14). Each member of our training team holds a minimum of a Master’s degree in a field related to special education, along with experience serving in or leading children’s ministry and/or special needs ministry. Each one of our trainers has extensive experience presenting in the area of special education nationally and internationally. Curriculum vitae for your presenter(s) are available upon request.

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Miracle 139 – Special Needs Ministry Training Topics

Disability Overview

Disability Overview engages volunteers as they explore basic characteristics and strategies for engaging with a variety of disabilities including:

- Down Syndrome
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- William’s Syndrome
- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD/ADHD)
- Emotional Disorders
- Intellectual Disability

Autism 101

Autism 101 provides an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder, including:

- current prevalence rates and what they mean
- diagnostic information
- characteristics
- overview of current best practices in the field of autism

Providing Individualized Support

Providing Individualized Support walks your special needs ministry team through the key components of facilitating engagement and learning in both the specialized environment and inclusion setting, including:

- redirection
- prompting do’s and don’ts
- encouraging independence
- facilitating social interaction
- must-have movement strategies

Positive Behavior Management

Positive Behavior Management is quite possibly the key to having a safe and successful special needs ministry. Learn the importance of understanding behavior and how to develop effective, individualized behavior plans. This training covers:

- the ABC’s (antecedent, behavior, consequence)
- developing a plan
- punishment vs. reinforcement
- must-have behavior management strategies

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The Impact of a Great SN Environment

Noticing a lack of engaged learners? Learn how setting up a **Great Special Needs Environment** Impacts:

- attention and engagement
- learning
- transitions
- behavior
- social interaction

Curriculum Adaptation

Learn tools for **Curriculum Adaptation** that will work in both the specialized classroom as well as in the inclusion environment.

Adaptations for a variety of learners will be covered, including:

- children with physical impairment
- low-incidence disabilities
- non-verbal learners
- those with sensory processing disorder

Teaching Unique Learners

This hands-on training provides volunteers with strategies that will enable them to **Teach Unique Learners**. Learn about the three main learning modalities and how to incorporate all of them into your lessons:

- auditory learners
- visual learners
- kinesthetic learners

Safety and Hospitality Team Training

This training is designed specifically for **Safety/Security and/or Hospitality/Guest Services teams**. Often volunteers in these areas are the first to meet and greet families with children with special needs. They are also the first-responders in case of an emergency. This training will equip these teams to have more effective interactions with persons with special needs and their families, through understanding:

- disability overview
- person first language
- how consistency and flexibility work together
- safety protocols to fit persons with special needs
- helping not hurting

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