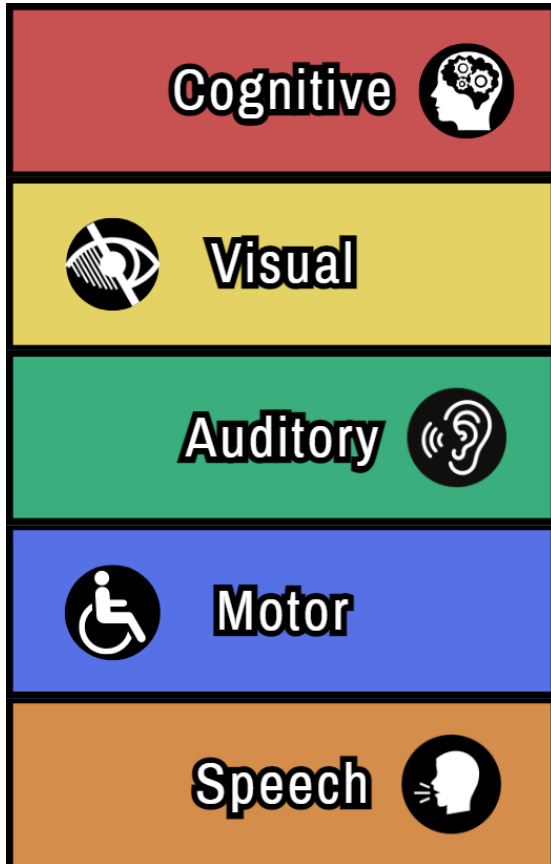


Tip Sheet



Accessible Tourism is a wide open space for BIAs to create events that all people in the community can enjoy.

To find resources, contact the professionals in your community that work with children with special needs and leverage those connections.

Other resources include:

<https://www.sensoryfriendly.net/>

<https://www.childserve.org/how-to-make-your-event-sensory-friendly/>

The basics.

- Create sensory friendly spaces
- Register participants
- Let the participants know expectations
- Educate your volunteers

Do your homework and be open to feedback

1. **Create designated spaces that are simple and peaceful.** Children on the spectrum often need space that is quiet and calming with available opportunities to ground or distract. Ideally this space should only have one major sensory input.
2. **Have a registration process and let attendees know what to expect.** By doing this, caregivers/participants can better prepare for your event.
3. **Encourage and seek feedback ALL through the event planning.** Empower your attendees to bring any individual accommodations or concerns they may need/have to your attention. Even if it isn't something that can be accommodated for that event you can plan better for the future and make sure people are heard.
4. **For sensory friendly sections,** create signage that is simple and easily read to designate the area.
5. **Educate your volunteers.** This is important. Take the time to let your event participants know the expectations of the sensory friendly sections and how to interact with those attendees who may have sensory processing difficulties.