



KultureCity

Sensory Inclusion Certification

Awareness, Acceptance, Inclusion

Faith UMC has partnered with KultureCity to become Sensory Inclusive Certified!

Sensory Inclusion FAQ

What is the sensory inclusion initiative?

Kulture City's sensory inclusion initiative is designed to help arenas, zoos, aquariums, museums, restaurants, and other places of public attraction better serve their guests that might have sensory needs/sensory processing issues.

What is a sensory need/sensory processing issues?

A sensory need/sensory processing issues is one where the guest affected by this finds noises, smells, lights, and even crowds not only overwhelming from the sensory perspective, but also sometimes physically painful. Because of this, these guests often find themselves isolated from the community.

What are some groups that are affected by sensory need/sensory processing issues?

These could be guests with PTSD, autism, early onset dementia, anxiety, or stroke patients just to name a few.

How does partnering with KultureCity help?

KultureCity helps by providing the necessary training to better serve guests with these needs. They also provide signage, weighted lap pads, sensory bags that contain noise cancelling headphones, fidget tools, and much more in order to truly create a welcoming experience for all persons.

What is the end result of the initiative?

It helps all guests feel welcome and included in our locations. It also helps us reach a huge portion of our community that has long been isolated.

How many people have a disability in the USA?

1 in 5 with 16% having visible disabilities and the remaining 84% with invisible disabilities like PTSD, autism, dementia, strokes, etc. The common denominator for these groups is sensory issues.

What is a Quiet Area?

A quiet area is simply a location that may be helpful to someone who may need to take a break to rest and calm themselves. The areas identified as Quiet Areas at Faith UMC can still be used for activities as usual.

What is the difference between sensory inclusion and sensory friendly?

Sensory friendly is an event where the location has had all the potentially noxious stimuli removed. Because this is sometimes a difficult task, accessibility is therefore limited to the day and location of the sensory friendly event. Sensory inclusion liberates this challenge. It creates daily accessibility with training, tools and other modifications, that although do not remove the noxious stimuli, help the guest cope with this potential sensory over stimulation ensuring an accepting and inclusive experience for all.

How can I learn more and become sensory inclusive trained?

Online Sensory Inclusive Training is available for all persons at Faith UMC who work with children, youth and adults as well as those who serve as greeters, ushers, welcome crew team, etc. Please contact Kathy Schmucker at kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or 330-499-6040 if you have any questions or would like more information.

Learn more about KultureCity at www.kulturecity.org.



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