



# INCLUSION SERVICES

*Western DuPage Special Recreation Association*



## **WDSRA VISION**

*A world of opportunities, belonging,  
and individuals reaching their full  
potential.*



## **WELCOME TO INCLUSION**

*Thank you for choosing an  
inclusive experience with your  
Park District! We sincerely hope  
that it will be positive.*

**WDSRA Phone Number: 630-681-0962**

**WDSRA Website: [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com)**

# Meet the Inclusion Team



## **MADDY MANDEN**

*Maddy has been part of the WDSRA staff since 2008 in various capacities. She graduated from Trinity Christina College with a degree in Special Education. Maddy lived in Africa for a number of years, where she started special education programs. She became the Inclusion Manager for WDSRA in March 2022. Maddy is responsible for overseeing all aspects of inclusion.*

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## **JENNA JOHNSON**

*Jenna joined the inclusion team in 2018. She has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Concordia University and a Master's degree in Therapeutic Recreation from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. Jenna has worked in a number of different settings, including community-based recreation programs. Jenna coordinates services for residents in Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, West Chicago, and Winfield.*

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## **SHAKYRAH WILLIAMS**

*Shakyrah joined the Inclusion team in August 2022. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology from Illinois State University. As a Registered Behavior Technician, she has clinical, classroom and in-home experience working closely with children with a variety of disabilities. Shakyrah coordinates inclusion services for Roselle, Bloomingdale, Wheaton, and Warrenville.*

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## **ALEXIA CHLIBOVYTSCH**

*During her college years, Alexia served as a part-time inclusion support staff at WDSRA. In 2022, Alexia re-joined the team as an Inclusion Supervisor. Alexia has experience supporting individuals with special needs in schools, private clinics, and park district settings. She studied both Psychology and Studio Art at North Central College. Alexia coordinates services for residents in Naperville.*

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## What is WDSRA?

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) is a cooperative extension of 9 member Park Districts. WDSRA provides a variety of recreation and leisure services for individuals who have special needs.

**WDSRA Serves:** Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, & Winfield.

## What does WDSRA offer?

WDSRA offers a variety of programs for individuals with special needs. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, view our brochure on [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com).

We also offer inclusion services in collaboration with our 9 Member Park Districts.

## Who is eligible for inclusion?

Any individual who registers for a program in one of WDSRA's member park districts and has a special need is eligible to receive inclusion services.

## What is the cost for inclusion?

Inclusion services are provided at no cost through WDSRA and the member park districts. Participants must pay the park district program fees, but there is no additional cost for inclusion support.

## What type of supports are provided?

Reasonable accommodations can include the following: providing behavior management support, training for the instructors, sign language interpreters, adaptive materials and equipment, ability awareness training, and the provision of a support staff member to assist the individual in the program.

## How does the inclusion process work?

- When you register for a Park District program, indicate that the participant needs accommodations.
- The Park District will inform WDSRA that you have requested accommodations. When they have done so, a confirmation email will be sent to you.
- If you don't get the confirmation email, reach out to the Park District to ensure that they are aware of the need for accommodations.
- The WDSRA Inclusion team will reach out to you to obtain information regarding the participant's needs so that we can determine what type of support is needed for the participant to be successful.



We treat others with dignity and value every individual



We love what we do and who we serve



We think creatively to adapt to changing needs



We build trust through honest and transparent interactions



We listen, we learn, we take action



We accomplish more together than alone



We believe joy is a FUNdamental part of every day

# Tips for a Positive Inclusion Experience

We strongly believe that increased communication will improve the experiences of all involved.

**2 WEEKS  
NOTICE**

If it is determined that accommodations should be provided, it is important that WDSRA have advance notice: we request a minimum of two weeks advance notice to secure necessary accommodations. During peak periods, or when there are specific needs, it may take in excess of two weeks.

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- ➔ When a support staff is secured, we will send you their contact info. We encourage support staff to contact families prior to the experience. If the staff member doesn't have the opportunity to contact you, please feel free to call him/her at a time that is convenient for you.
  - ➔ If the participant will not be able to attend the program on a specific day or details of the class change, please call the support staff member directly. If you can not reach them, call the WDSRA office at (630) 681-0962.
  - ➔ If, during the course of the program you feel that there is an issue which needs to be addressed, please bring it to our attention immediately so we can take steps to address your concern in a timely fashion.
  - ➔ Please provide us with your feedback at the conclusion of each season. WDSRA will email a link to an evaluation form and would greatly appreciate any feedback you are able to provide.
  - ➔ Please help us to ensure that support staff members are adequately prepared with up-to-date information by contacting us whenever there is a change in accommodation needs.

**If you have questions or need assistance regarding the program or program content, contact the park district. If you have questions regarding the inclusion process, please contact the Inclusion Team at (630) 681-0962.**

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Our Mission: We enrich lives, connect communities, and create fun through inclusive recreational opportunities.