

Accommodations for Special Needs Travelers

Traveling with someone who has a disability or special needs can be stressful and challenging. Many airports have implemented helpful accommodations in an effort to make traveling easier. Some airports now offer designated sensory rooms, escort assistance and golf cart transportation inside the terminals. Some airports offer preflight practice areas which simulate the flying experience where families can visit a fully constructed full-size gateway, entry door, isles and actual seats. The helps families



prepare for the unknown, set expectations, create a routine and observe potential responses long before the real flight.

Orlando International Airport offers a sensory-friendly space for travelers known as Annie's Space Sensory Room. This area is designated for sensory sensitive travelers to provide a safe and calming environment to help manage sensory overload. Located in Terminal A near the food court and is available from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For assistance, travelers can call 407-825-3177 for more information. 🧩

HIDDEN disabilities SUNFLOWER PROJECT

Not all disabilities are visible. Some are not immediately obvious, such as autism, chronic pain, dementia, anxiety, visual or hearing impairment. Living with a hidden disability can make daily life more challenging for many people. Often it can be difficult for others to identify, recognize or fully understand those challenges.

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Project aims to raise awareness, increase understanding and provide support. By wearing the Sunflower Lanyard, individuals can discreetly communicate to others that they have a hidden disability and may require additional assistance, time or accommodation. These lanyards are available



free of charge to customers from businesses and organizations who are members of Hidden Disabilities Sunflower.

There is no qualifying list of hidden disabilities, and wearing the lanyard is not a pass for fast-track services, discounts or special treatment. The official Hidden Disabilities Sunflower design is universally and quickly recognized. Hidden Disabilities Sunflower products are free and can be found at www.hdsunflower.com are strictly not for resale. 🧩

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