



## Programs for Teens & Young Adults

- **Monthly Social Activities.** FOCUS offers monthly activities in the community for teens and young adults with disabilities.
- **Overnight Camp.** Each summer,

FOCUS offers Camp Infinity so teens and young adults with disabilities can enjoy a week of camp at Camp Twin Lakes. They gain independence, enjoy friendships with peers, and try new outdoor adventures.

- **Annual Retreat.** Every fall, FOCUS offers OctoberFest at Camp Twin Lakes, a one-night retreat for teens and young adults.



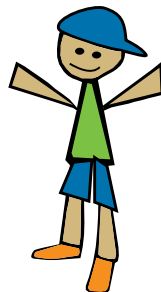
## Programs for Families

- **Family Activities.** FOCUS offers several community outings with discounted tickets so families can enjoy a day with other families at Six Flags, the Georgia Aquarium, and Zoo Atlanta. FOCUS activities also include Moms' Day Off on the Houseboat and a fun holiday party in December.



- **FOCUS on Fashion.** FOCUS children hit the runway, showing off the latest fashion and modeling with their favorite professional. This show is a wonderful public awareness event for FOCUS!

- **Family Camps.** FOCUS families spend a weekend of fun at beautiful Camp Twin Lakes and enjoy archery, paddleboats, and other outdoor fun. Offered two weekends annually.



- **MVP Events.** FOCUS offers quarterly events for medically fragile children and their families. These activities are smaller gatherings for children who cannot attend large events because of their medical condition.

## Mission Statement

FOCUS understands and supports the unique needs of families with children who are medically fragile or have significant developmental or physical disabilities. FOCUS offers comfort, hope and information to parents; accessible recreational and social programs for children and teens; and fun, inclusive activities for the entire family.

### From our FOCUS families:

*"Harrison LOVED Camp Hollywood this week!! He woke up EVERY morning around 6 am, ready to go with his orange camp t-shirt! There is NOTHING like knowing your child is happy and in a safe environment. Kyleigh and I were able to get out and do some things that we can't typically do when Harrison is with us. It was a great week for everyone ... THANK YOU!"*



*– From Harrison's mom, about Camp Hollywood Summer Day Camp*



*"Thanks for one of the best weekends we can remember! Under the Stars Family Camp was such a wonderful time for our family! Thanks also for the love and affection that you have shown for Rocky; we do indeed feel like part of a big family."*

*– From Rocky's dad, about Under the Stars Family Camp*

*"Thanks again for all FOCUS does: organizing, keeping us updated, sharing. Without realizing it, FOCUS has become a beacon of encouragement, hope, and an assurance that I am not alone in this unrelenting challenge in my life."*

*– From Cara's mom, about FOCUS*

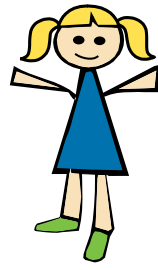


*"Once you choose hope, anything's possible."  
– Christopher Reeve*



## About FOCUS

When a child is diagnosed with a disability or medical condition, parents are thrown into a new world of medical specialists, frequent hospitalizations, and ongoing therapies. They might watch their child undergo painful medical procedures or hear a prognosis that sounds hopeless. They need information from parents who have walked this journey. They want recreational options for their children as they grow.



FOCUS began in 1983 when two medically fragile children shared a hospital room. These children had no specific diagnosis, and the parents could not find a support group. They became friends after that hospitalization, and, in each other, found comfort, information, and hope. Together, they founded FOCUS to help families cope with the overwhelming struggles of parenting a child with special needs. Through the years, FOCUS has grown to offer comfort and hope to parents and fun programs for children with disabilities. FOCUS reaches almost 3,000 families in metro Atlanta and surrounding areas.

FOCUS offers most programs at no or at nominal costs to families, thanks to gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations. FOCUS programs also depend on community volunteers. Please contact FOCUS for more information!

FOCUS is here to help; we listen, comfort, and care. We inform and educate. We offer fun programs to children so parents can enjoy a break. We have activities for the whole family to enjoy together.

## Parent Support & Information

- **Monthly support groups, called Share Groups.** FOCUS Share Groups are offered in multiple locations in metro Atlanta and are facilitated by trained parent volunteers.

- **Hospital Visits.** Friendly FOCUS volunteers visit with special treats for children (and their parents!)

- **Phone calls and emails.** FOCUS stays connected to families to help them through tough times.



- **Bereavement support.** FOCUS offers extra support to parents who have lost a child due to disability or long-term illness.
- **Annual Education Conference and Workshops.** Local professionals speak on various issues and help parents find information and resources.
- **Annual Home Modification Tour.** Families that have modified their homes allow other families to tour the homes for ideas to make every day life easier.
- **Bi-monthly Newsletter.** Families love the FOCUS newsletter that has articles written by parents, information from professionals, tidbits to make life a little easier, and a calendar of upcoming events.
- **Website.** The FOCUS website keeps parents up-to-date about ongoing activities and upcoming events.



## Programs for Children

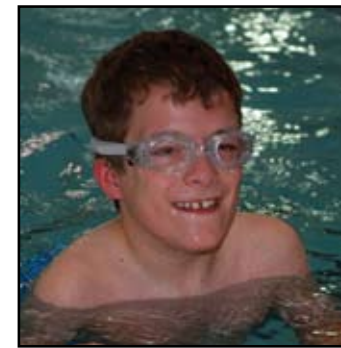
- **Extra Special Saturday Respite.** FOCUS offers childcare for children with special needs and their siblings so parents can enjoy a Saturday morning off. Extra Special Saturday is offered in several locations each month and serves children 12 and under.



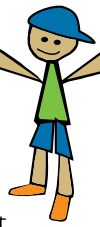
- **Summer Day Camps.** FOCUS offers Camp Hollywood, an indoor summer day camp where campers enjoy arts, crafts, cooking, science, music, and recreation based on the themes of popular children's movies. Camp Hollywood is offered in multiple locations for one week. FOCUS also offers one week of Camp TEAM, a traditional outdoor day camp experience. Camp TEAM focuses on each camper's unique abilities and encourages inclusion by facilitating interaction between campers with and without disabilities.



- **FAST Fins Adapted Swim Team.** Swimmers concentrate on perfecting swim strokes, improving stamina, developing team skills, building self-confidence, following motor commands, and increasing fitness. Offered in multiple locations, swimmers compete in a meet at the end of each season.



Yes, I am interested in  
**FOCUS!**



- I am a parent who would benefit from FOCUS. Please have a representative contact me.
- I would like to support FOCUS and the families it assists. Enclosed is my contribution.
- I would like to volunteer for FOCUS! Please have a representative call me.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

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