

FCYD Policy on Service Animals (Diabetic Alert Dogs)

The Foundation for Children and Youth with Diabetes, Inc. (FCYD) and its camping programs, FCYD Camp UTADA, are not defined as title II or title III by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and therefore the regulations regarding service animals, including diabetic alert dogs, are not applicable to our program.

Per the U.S. Department of Justice, “Under the ADA, State and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that serve the public generally must allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go.”

(http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm) FCYD programs do not serve the public generally and are for a defined audience, persons with diabetes and their families as stated in our mission statement. Furthermore, FCYD programs are fully staffed by licensed medical personnel and trained staff in the areas of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia awareness and treatment of individuals.

It is the policy of FCYD to not allow diabetic alert dogs at our programs. FCYD Camp UTADA is fully prepared and our staff trained to detect and treat any diabetes emergency. If you do not feel that your camper can attend a diabetes camping program without the need of such an animal, we ask that you find another alternative for your child’s camping needs.

The mission of FCYD is to provide a fun, safe, educational and medically supervised camping experience for children and youth with diabetes and their families.

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