

**City of Chandler
Community Services Department
Recreation and Aquatics Statement of Inclusion**

The City of Chandler Community Services Department welcomes and encourages the participation of children and adults, including those with disabilities, in all of its facilities, classes, programs and activities. Our Therapeutic Recreation staff offer classes, programs and activities specifically designed for qualified individuals with disabilities.

In addition, we welcome and encourage persons with disabilities to participate in our general recreation and aquatics classes, programs and activities or to use our facilities. We are committed to the letter, spirit, and intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and to:

- Maintaining accessible facilities, classes, programs and activities;
- Promoting inclusion through reasonable accommodations; and
- Striving to make the recreational experience a positive and successful one for all.

If a qualified individual with a disability requires assistance in order to successfully participate in one of our classes, programs or activities, or to use our facilities, a reasonable accommodation should be requested.

Those visiting the Department's facilities or taking part in the Department's programs or activities must be able to participate in an independent fashion, as staff is not able to provide services of a personal nature, such as assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Participants are welcome to bring a caregiver or aide if they need assistance with these activities. Personal caregivers/aides will not be charged internal fees for programs or activities they are assisting in, but they are still responsible for paying external costs, such as ticket or admission fees.

Completion and submission of the *Request for Accommodation* form, at least two weeks prior to the beginning of a class, program or activity, is requested to allow City staff to review the request and make the necessary arrangements to accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities who otherwise meet programs' standard minimum requirements.