

**Programs & Services for People with Developmental Disabilities** 





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### **HOW TO REGISTER**

- 1. Find programs you're interested in!
- 2. **NEW MEMBERS:**

Contact us at 847.948.7001 or Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org to get started.

### **RETURNING MEMBERS:**



Fill out the Returning Member Registration Form in this guide or scan to access it online.

3. Program availability will be determined before we process all registrations and payments.

Questions? Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org





We love to hear your ideas and always count on them to create programs that you will love and enjoy. If you have suggestions about programs or have questions about the activities offered in this Fall guide, please reach out to us. We'd love to hear from you! Info@ExperienceCEL.org

# WINTER & SPRING

### **SUNDAY CELEBRATION THEATER!**

(AGES 13+)



Step into the spotlight! Members will explore acting by engaging in improv exercises and games that build confidence, communication, and teamwork. We'll create scenes, craft simple props and costumes, and rehearse. The session ends with a joyful short performance for family and friends followed by a cast party. No experience needed!

**When:** 1/4-5/10 (17 weeks; no program 3/29 & 4/5)

**Time**: 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Fee**: \$610

### **SUNDAY FUN DAY**

(AGES 18+)



Spend an afternoon having fun with friends. Each week, we offer a selection of activities to CELebrate the Seasons!

**National Holidays:** Discover fun facts about fun holidays and cultures around the world. **Seasonal Flavors:** From warm and cozy to fresh and light, come explore the wonderful smells and tastes of the winter and spring seasons.

**Crafternoon:** As the seasons change from snow to blooming flowers, you can make beautiful creations to take home.

**When:** 1/4-5/10 (17 weeks; no program 3/29 & 4/5)

*Time*: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

### MONDAY NIGHT BOWLING

(AGES 18+)



Come join the Monday Night fun for an evening of bowling with friends. Enjoy a pizza party to end the session on our final bowling night!

\*Please note that this program is running as a separate program and at the same time as Cooking 101. Members may meet at Lakeside Lanes at 6:30pm or meet at CEL at 5:45pm for transportation to and from Lakeside Lanes.

When: 1/5-5/11 (15 weeks; no program 1/19, 3/30,

4/6, & 5/4)

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Fee**: \$510

### **MONDAY COOKING 101**

(AGES 18+)





Build confidence in the kitchen! Learn kitchen safety, healthy habits, and how to read a recipe. Each week we'll make simple, tasty dishes while practicing teamwork, timing, and clean-up. A recipe card will be available for you to take home, so you can re-create your favorites.

This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as bowling.

When: 1/5-5/11

(15 weeks; no program 1/19, 3/30, 4/6 & 5/4)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### **TUESDAY NIGHT ART**

(AGES 18+)



Learn about different artists and create art inspired by their work. Each week will showcase a different artist or technique and an innovative way to use materials. Members may work at their own pace in a fun and supportive environment, emphasizing creativity and self-expression.

When: 1/6-5/12

(18 weeks; no program 3/31) **Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm





### **TUESDAY SPORTS SAMPLER**

(AGES 18+)

Try something new and keep moving! This program rotates through fan favorites like basketball, soccer, kickball, pickleball, floor hockey, yoga, and more. After a warm up activity, we'll jump into friendly minigames that build teamwork, confidence, and fitness. Please wear athletic shoes and bring a water bottle.

Runs at the same time as Tuesday Art Night but is twice a month.

When: 9 weeks; 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$270



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAMPLER

(AGES 18+)

Experience a variety of activities or choose your favorites in an evening filled with fun. Classes will rotate every other week, so you can enjoy the best of Wednesday nights with friends!

Jan-Feb: Winter Crafts, Living Your Best Life Mar-May: Memory Makers, Drawing Spring Landscapes

Landscapes

When: 1/7-5/13

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm (18 weeks; no program on 4/1)



# **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### THURSDAY LADIES NIGHT

(AGES 18+)



Gonna step out cuz it's Ladies Night! Talk about what's new in fashion, music, or hairstyle trends – share stories and enjoy making some yummy treats. Finish off the session by joining Guys Night for a Spring Mixer!

**When:** 9 weeks; 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/9, 4/23, Mixer: 5/7

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$280

### THURSDAY GUYS NIGHT

(AGES 18+)



Join your buddies for all kinds of awesome activities! Will it be sports talk, game night, or the fan favorite-BINGO? The choice is yours! Finish off the session by joining the Ladies Night crew for a Spring Mixer!

**When:** 9 weeks; 1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/16, 4/30, Mixer: 5/7

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### THURSDAY CEL SOCIAL WELLNESS!



Join us for a series of fun and supportive classes that focus on feeling good about yourself and connecting with others! Over three rotating six-week sessions, members explore self-care, social skills, and dating in a positive, person-centered environment. Each class includes hands-on activities and real-life practice in communication, boundaries, and building healthy friendships and relationships. Guided by a licensed social worker, members learn, grow, and gain confidence together. This program runs as a separate program and at the same time as Ladies/Guys Night.

### When:

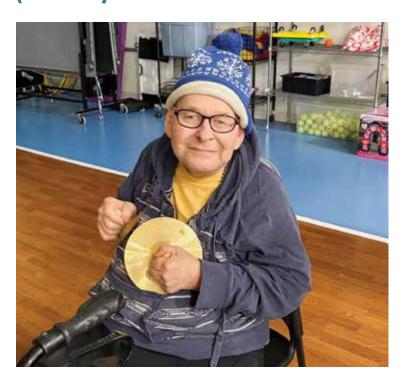
- **Dating:** 1/8-2/12 (6-Week Course)
- Advanced Social Skills:
   2/19-3/26 (6-Week Course)
- **Health and Hygiene**: 4/9-5/14 (6-Week Course) (or 18 weeks)

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Fee: \$180 each class or \$460 for all 3!

### FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

(AGES 18+)



Want to have some end-of-the-week fun with your friends? Join us for various activities like karaoke, art, and making a snack. Each week will have a different theme like Disney, the 80's, The Beatles, and many more! Let's make some amazing memories and have a blast at CEL on Friday nights!

**When**: 1/9-5/15

(16 weeks; no program 2/13, 4/3 & 4/17)

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm





# Sweetheart Dance





REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: 2/6/26
(or until dance reaches capacity)

Dances fill up quickly, so register NOW to secure your spot!

### **SATURDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**



**Fee:** \$1,060

# **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### SATURDAY OUT AND ABOUT

(AGES 23+)



### **AFTERNOON SOCIAL CLUB (ADULTS)**

(AGES 23+)



Mondays 1/5-5/11 (15 weeks; no program 1/19, 3/30, 4/6, 5/4)	Tuesdays 1/6-5/12 (18 weeks; no program 3/31)	Wednesdays 1/7-5/13 (18 weeks; no program 4/1)	Thursdays 1/8-5/14 (18 weeks; no program 4/2)	Fridays 1/9-5/15 (16 weeks; no program 2/13, 4/3, 4/17)
3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm	3:00pm - 5:30pm
\$520	\$620	\$620	\$620	\$550



NOW to secure your spot!

DATE/TIME

Friday, 4/17, Ages 18+ 7pm - 9pm

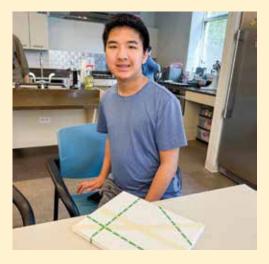
FEE

\$30



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4/10/26** (or until dance reaches capacity)

# PROGRAMS JUST FOR



### AFTERNOON HANGOUT

Join your friends for an afternoon of fun! After school, head over to CEL for games, crafts, and more. Afternoons are a blast at CEL, and a snack will be provided.

Bridge option available for those coming from day program. Monday (\$150), Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (\$180) and Friday (\$160).

#### **SELECT THE DAYS YOU WANT TO COME HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS:**

Mondays, 1/5-5/11 (15 weeks; no program 1/19, 3/30, 4/6, & 5/4)	Tuesdays, 1/6-5/12 (18 weeks; no program 3/31)	Wednesdays, 1/7-5/13 (18 weeks; no program 4/1)	Thursdays, 1/8-5/14 (18 weeks; no program 4/2)	Fridays, 1/9-5/15 (16 weeks; no program 2/13, 4/3, & 4/17)
3:30pm - 5:30 pm	3:30pm - 5:30pm	3:30pm - 5:30pm	3:30pm - 5:30pm	3:30pm - 5:30pm
\$620	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$660

### SATURDAY COMMUNITY EXPLORERS

Join your friends for a fun-filled Saturday! Each week, venture out to discover a different, exciting place in the local communities.

A weekly schedule will be sent outlining the details for the day.

### DATE/TIME

1/10-5/16 (18 weeks; no program 4/4) 10:00am - 3:00pm

FEE

\$1,570



# TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

(AGES 13-22)





TEEN/YOUNG ADULT EVENTS	DATE/TIME	FEE
<b>CEL Pajama Party:</b> Slip into your comfiest PJ's for a cozy night of games, music, movies, and a DIY hot cocoa/snack bar! <b>Note:</b> This is an evening event—not a sleepover.	<b>Saturday, 1/31</b> 5pm - 8pm	\$50
<b>Friendship &amp; Fun:</b> CELebrate Valentine's Day with your friends! Join us for heart-themed crafts, music & karaoke, cookie-decorating, a photo booth, and more.	<b>Saturday, 2/14</b> 5pm - 8pm	\$50
<b>Hawaiian Night:</b> Bring the aloha spirit for a chill night of tropical music, limbo, beach-ball games, and DIY paper-lei making! He le 'ale 'a!	<b>Saturday, 3/14</b> 5pm - 8pm	\$50
<b>Pizza Party:</b> Challenge friends in party games and pizza trivia, while we make some DIY pizzas! We'll vote for "Best Slice" and crown the night's Pizza Pie Champion!	<b>Saturday, 4/25</b> 5pm - 8pm	\$50
<b>Countdown to Camp:</b> Get ready for Summer Camp 2026 with a night of fun with camp friends! Share your ideas and get a sneak peek of what's in store!	<b>Saturday, 5/16</b> 5pm - 8pm	\$50



# EXCURSIONS (AGES 13-22)



### **EVENTS**

**Great Wolf Lodge:** Grab your swimsuits, flippers, and more as we dive into an evening of splash-tastic fun! Enjoy the many tube slides and water fort treehouse, or cruise on down the lazy river. There's something for everyone! Dinner will be provided. **Swim Waiver must be completed.** 

### DATE/TIME

**Saturday, 3/21** 4:00pm-9:00pm

FEE

\$170

**Movie & Bowling:** Strike up some fun with a few games of bowling and dinner, then head back to CEL to relax with a movie and snacks. Expect friendly competition at the alley, chill time with friends, and lots of fun!

**Saturday, 5/9** 4:00pm-10:00pm

\$140

### **NOW RECRUITING SUMMER STAFF!**

It takes a full team of wonderful people to continue providing a place where people with developmental disabilities are welcomed and celebrated.

Learn more about joining CEL as a seasonal staff member!



Volunteer, Intern, or Work for CEL





# SUNDAY EVENTS (AGES 18+)

### All Events Take Place at CEL

EVENTS DATE/TIME FEE

**New Years Bash:** Wanna make some noise? Ring in 2026 with friends and welcome a year of fun ahead at CEL! Make your own party favors and resolution tree, sip some 'bubbly,' and share stories from the past year and hopes for 2026.

**Sunday, 1/4** \$50 5pm - 8pm

**Paint & Sip (Ages 22+):** Unwind with friends at CEL as you create a step-by-step canvas painting. One glass of red or white wine is included; festive mocktails will be available for those who prefer not to drink. Take home your masterpiece at the end! *Those drinking will need to sign a waiver*.

**Sunday, 1/18** \$50 5pm - 8pm

**Super Bowl Viewing Party:** Who will be the champion of the Super Bowl? Join us at CEL to watch the big game live on TV! The game will be played at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, CA, but we'll be cheering right here together at CEL. Enjoy traditional football food, fun games throughout the night, and, of course, the iconic commercials!



**Sunday, 2/8** \$**50** 5pm - 9pm

**Mardi Gras CELebration:** "Laissez les bons temps rouler" – let the good times roll as we transform the CEL lounge into a jazzy New Orleans party. Explore the traditions, food, and music of this world-wide celebration!

**Sunday, 2/15** 5pm - 8pm

**Harry Potter:** Step into the wizarding world at CEL! We'll whip up frothy (virgin) Butterbeer, settle in for a Harry Potter movie, and make magical crafts inspired by the film. Costumes welcome!

**Sunday, 3/1** 5pm - 8pm

\$50

\$50

SPRING FLING DANCE

Dances fill up quickly so register NOW to secure your spot!





# SUNDAY EVENTS (AGES 18+)

### All Events Take Place at CEL



### **EVENT**

St Patrick's Day CELebration: Calling all leprechauns! Are you ready for some mischief and fun as we celebrate all things Irish? Search for golden coins, play rainbow bingo, and enjoy soda bread and Irish cream. Erin go bragh!

DATE/TIME **Sunday, 3/15** 

FEE \$50

5pm - 8pm

**EVENTS** 

Murder Mystery Party: Put on your detective hat and step into character at CEL's whodunit night! You'll mingle, gather clues, and work as a team to crack the case. Character cards with your role and backstory will be sent two weeks prior (costumes highly encouraged!).

DATE/TIME FEE

> **Sunday, 4/12** 5pm - 8pm

\$50

Music Festival: Get ready to dance! Enjoy a live set by DJ Whirlwind & Benmer, then pop on wireless headphones for a silent-disco experience with multiple channels to choose from. Create and trade PLUR (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect) bracelets at our craft station. Festival attire and glow accessories welcome. Sensory-friendly options available; volume-controlled headsets and a chill zone.

**Sunday, 4/26** 5pm - 8pm

\$50

Cinco de Mayo: Celebrate Mexican traditions, culture, and food! Watch and try out lively dance steps, sample delicious foods and beverages, and enjoy a friendly game of Loteria!

Sunday, 5/3

\$50

DATE/TIME

FEE

See page 15 for details

**DEADLINE: 4/10/26** (or until dance reaches capacity)

REGISTRATION

Friday, 4/17, Ages 18+ \$30 7pm - 9pm



# ADULT EXCURSIONS (AGES 18+)

### Pick up/Drop off at CEL for all excursions.

### **EXCURSION**

Laser Tag & Donuts: Ready, set, tag! Join us for an action-packed day to a local laser tag arena, then celebrate with a sweet donut treat. No experience needed. Donuts are included!

### DATE/TIME

**Sunday, 1/11** 3pm - 6pm

\$70

FEE

Whirly Ball: Zoom, bump, and score! Join us for some WhirlyBall fun! Waivers will be sent prior to excursion. **Sunday, 1/25** 3pm - 6pm

\$110

Sunday, 2/1 3pm - 8pm

\$140

Medieval Times: Travel to the "castle" for an epic dinner-and-tournament show—knights, horses, and plenty of cheering! Enjoy a four-course meal while we root for our team. Please share dietary needs or accessibility requests in advance; optional spending money for souvenirs.

**Escape Room:** Crack codes, find clues, and beat the clock as a team! We'll choose a beginnerfriendly, low-scare room. Staff will teach puzzle tips and support communication throughout. No experience required – just curiosity!

**Sunday**, 2/22 4pm - 7pm

\$110 \$





### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Many venues have gone 'cashless' and accept only debit or credit cards for payment. CEL will do its best to obtain this info prior to an excursion and communicate that information to members.



# ADULT EXCURSIONS (AGES 18+)

Pick up/Drop off at CEL for all excursions.

### **EVENT**

Game Show Battle Room: Buzzers, bragging rights, and big laughs! Step onto the "set" for rapid-fire trivia, survey showdowns, charades-style clues, and wild challenge rounds. We'll squad up, rotate players so everyone shines, and crown champions by the end! Price includes admission and dinner.

### DATE/TIME

FEE

Sunday, 3/8 3pm - 8pm

\$130

Revolution Brewing Tour (Age 22+): Go behind the scenes at Chicago's Revolution Brewing! We'll explore the brewhouse, towering tanks, and canning line while learning how grain becomes great beer. Optional tastings are available for those who choose to drink. Bring a valid ID and alcohol waiver needs to be signed prior to the excursion date.

**Sunday, 3/22** 12pm - 5pm

\$130



**Action Territory:** Ready for nonstop fun? We're heading to Action Territory for a mix of go-karts, mini golf, laser tag, and arcade time! We'll split into small groups and rotate through activities. Optional spending money for snacks or arcade prizes. Lunch will be provided..

Sunday, 4/19 1pm - 6pm

\$130



**Discovery Museum:** Explore hands-on science, tech, and lakefront exhibits at Milwaukee's Discovery World! Try interactive labs, test gadgets, and visit the aquarium to see Great Lakes creatures up close. We'll travel together, split into small groups, and move at a comfortable pace. Optional spending money for souvenirs. Lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, 5/10** 

\$120 \$



10am - 4pm



walking





moderate walking



bring extra





# Weekend Getaway - Door County, WI Adult Overnight Trip

Soak up lighthouse views, lakeshore walks, and small-town charm on a three-day, two-night trip to Wisconsin's beautiful peninsula. Enjoy a flexible itinerary that includes Peninsula State Park sights, a lighthouse stop, mini golf or shopping in town, and a sunset hangout. Families must complete all required waivers prior to participation

Who:
Ages 22+
When:
Saturday 5/16 9am
to Monday 5/18, 6pm
Fee: \$920

# 2026 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS!



# BRINGING THE CEL EXPERIENCE TO YOU!

We can't wait to laugh and learn with you as we discuss your favorite topics and get our game on!

### **REGISTRATION IS CHANGING!**

Codes will be sent by 12/19/2025.

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
<b>Sports Chat</b> : Talk about current sports news and share updates about your favorite teams!	<b>Sundays, 1/4-5/10</b> (17 weeks - No virtual on 3/29 & 4/5)	10am - 10:45am	\$220
<b>Bingo Baby!</b> Get ready to win! Diagonal, letter or cover all in one of our very favorite activities!	Tuesdays, 1/6-5/12 (18 weeks - No virtual on 3/31)	5:15pm - 6:15pm	\$230
Interactive Games: Play trivia, guessing games, and other group challenges that keep everyone laughing, thinking, and connecting!	<b>Thursdays, 1/8-5/14</b> (18 weeks - No virtual on 4/2)	6pm - 6:45pm	\$230

### **ZOOM GUIDELINES**

We will review the following guidelines with everyone during the first week of virtual programs. Our priority is to keep our programs safe for all participants. We may also use closed captioning and the mute feature.

- Arrive ON TIME.
- Find a QUIET SPACE to minimize background noise.
- Be sure you have a strong internet connection.
- CEL rules still apply! If you wouldn't say it at CEL, don't say it in the zoom programs.
- Video must be on.

- Mute yourself as needed. The host will mute you if background noise is interfering.
- Share your ideas and be open to learning something new!
- Don't take photos. To ensure everyone's privacy, please don't take pictures during zoom programs.

# **MEMBER VOICES**



44 I'm learning how to make new friends and set healthy friendship boundaries.??

Favorite CEL Activity:
I like exploring the community.



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44 My favorite part about coming to CEL is making new friends and getting to know them.<sup>99</sup>

Favorite CEL Activity:

I like doing makeup and art.

### JOIN OUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY



CEL Families now have more ways to connect with each other, share resources, and discover new learning opportunities. In addition, you will more directly interact with CEL through collaboration, engagement, and feedback.

Email Cassara at Cassara@ExperienceCEL.org to let her know you're interested and ask to be added to the private family Facebook group!

**ExperienceCEL.org/families** 

## **REACH ADULT DAY PROGRAM**

(AGES 18+)



The REACH Day Program provides community-based opportunities and activities for continued learning and growth for adults who have finished high school.

Monday through Friday, REACH members have the option to choose from a variety of activities based on personal interest and individualized goals. CEL members participate in planning monthly activities, which are geared towards enhancing their mind, body, and sense of self.

### REACH PERSONAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO **FOLLOW OUR CORE PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS:**

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT REACH:**

**DETAILS ON THE PROGRAM AND** HOW TO JOIN THE WAIT LIST.







**Recreation & Relationships** 



**Education & Culture** 



**Arts & Music** 



Community & Contribution



**Health & Wellness** 

## **CATALYST ADULT DAY PROGRAM**

(AGES 18+)



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The Catalyst Adult Day Program is designed to help adults (18+) build meaningful life skills that foster greater independence and confidence in everyday life.

Session topics are personalized based on member interests and needs, and may include:

- Kitchen Safety
- Basic Home Maintenance
- Healthy Habits
- Community Resources & Community Exploration
- Problem Solving & Decision Making
- Self-Awareness & Setting Boundaries



### **Learn more about Catalyst:**

Scan the QR code for full program details, Q&A, and eligibility criteria.

Building independence, one skill at a time.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (AGES 18+)** 

In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), we proudly offer free job placement services through our Supported Employment Programs and Milestone contracts.

For those seeking more flexible support, we also offer private pay options tailored to meet individual needs.

Our Employment Services are available in service packages (fees vary; please visit our website for full details), which include:

- Career Exploration
- Career Development and Work Readiness Planning
- Transition to Employment
- Job Retention Support

Work with CEL staff to discover employment, volunteer, and career opportunities that align with your unique strengths, interests, and goals.

Our Employment Specialists will support you every step of the way, offering services such as:

- Career assessments
- Resume development
- Interview preparation
- Skill-building
- Long-term job retention and career advancement



Earn a competitive wage, expand your social network, and gain a sense of accomplishment as you build valuable skills to achieve your employment goals!

Scan to learn more



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT CEL THIS SEASON AND BEYOND



# Give the Gift of Belonging This Holiday Season

Membership fees cover just 30% of the cost to run CEL programs – the rest comes from people like you. Every smile, friendship, and opportunity that CEL members experience is made possible thanks to your generosity.

This holiday season, your support ensures no family is turned away due to cost. You can give in a way that feels right for you, whether it's a monthly gift or a tax-smart IRA gift, stock donation, or donor-advised fund.



Scan here to support CEL as a welcoming place for everyone.

### Looking Ahead: Be an Ambassador for DDAM

In March, CEL will celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM) with our biggest crowdfunding event of the year. Families are the heart of this effort - sharing stories, raising awareness, and inspiring others to give in support of a place that means so much to them.

We'd love for you to step into the role of Ambassador, which simply means you create a fundraising page on behalf of CEL. Your voice can open doors and create more opportunities for the people you love.

Email Rachael at Rachael@ExperienceCEL.com to learn more about being an ambassador.

SAVE THE DATE! Chefs' Night | May 4, 2026

# **CEL'S THE NORA PROJECT**

Available for use in Schools Nationwide



CEL's The Nora Project provides Disability Studies-informed, Social Emotional Learning supportive curricula for students PreK through high school and delivers robust Professional Learning for educators. Contact us to discuss how we can bring our educational programming to your classroom, school, or district!

In the 2023-24 school year:

- 2 Students who understood the word disability and understood that disability is a form of diversity more than doubled.
- Students' overall empathy increased and the increase of their cognitive empathy was statistically significant.
- More than 70% of students knew how to apply inclusive actions when engaging with their classmates.



### **Learn more about CEL's The Nora Project:**

Scan the QR code for details, or visit ExperienceCEL.org/education.

Contact Courtney to start a conversation: Courtney@ExperienceCEL.org

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### **Membership & Registration**

- Registration Requests can be completed by visiting: ExperienceCEL.org/register
- Members must have been registered in the last program year or have a current Member Information Form (within two years) to prevent a lapse of membership.
- Current Members can complete a registration request by visiting ExperienceCEL.org/Register New members must complete the New Member Orientation before participating.
- New or Lapsed members must set an appointment with the Community Engagement team before attending programs. See below for contact information.
- For registration questions, contact Cassara@ExperienceCEL.org or CassidyP@ExperienceCEL.org.

### **Program Fees & Financial Assistance**

- Payment: Full payment is required at the time of registration unless payment plans are specified. Accepted payment methods include:
  - o Cash, check, money order
  - o VISA, Mastercard, Discover, American Express Credit card payments require completing the designated section on the registration form.
- Outstanding Balances: Any past-due fees must be paid before registering for new programs.
- Financial Assistance: Limited awards based on financial need and fund availability.
  - o Applies only to full fees (not dances or other discounts).
  - o Does not guarantee future assistance.
  - o To apply, check the financial assistance box on the registration form and submit all required documentation.
  - o Contact Becky@ExperienceCEL.org for details.

### **Cancellation Policy**

- Weekly Programs: Cancellations before the start date may incur a \$50 service fee.
- Special Events & Excursions:
  - o Cancellations must be made at least two weeks in advance for a refund or credit.
  - o If an excursion includes purchased tickets, the ticket cost will only be refunded if another member takes the spot.
  - o If CEL or the venue cancels an excursion, alternatives may be offered.

### • Medical Cancellations:

- o Prolonged illness, hospitalization, or extended medical issues may qualify for prorated credit consideration. Requests must be submitted in writing with supporting medical documentation. CEL will review each request on a case-by-case basis.
- o Members unable to participate due to a medical condition must provide a doctor's note for case-by-case evaluation.
- Moving: Members who move out of the area are eligible for a refund after address confirmation.
- Refunds/Credits: Funds will be returned in the form of future credits, and any request for refunds will be reviewed case-by-case.

### **Program Participation & Attendance**

- Excursion Participation: Members must attend an on-site program before joining community-based excursions.
- Wellness Policy: Members should not attend programs if experiencing:
  - o Sore/Strep throat, flu, or fever
  - o Coughing, runny nose, or cold symptoms
  - o Contagious rashes, lice, or eye infections
  - o General illness that prevents full participation
- Members may return once symptoms have passed or with a doctor's recommendation.
- To ensure continuity of care, CEL requests notification of any injuries, new medical conditions, or surgical procedures. A 'return to normal activities' note may be required. Contact info@ExperienceCEL.org for more details.
- Early Arrival: Members should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before a program unless prearranged. Repeated early arrivals may result in restricted building access or incur a fee.
- Transportation: Limited transportation may be available.
   Contact the Community Engagement team for options.
  - o Late Pick-ups: Families, caregivers, or agency staff must be on time.
  - o Members whose ride is late three (3) times per session may have their membership suspended.
  - o Late fees will apply, and families/agencies will be billed accordingly.

### **General Policies & Additional Information**

- **Program Fee Adjustments**: CEL reviews program fees periodically. Any necessary changes will be communicated in advance. Current fees are in effect through May 2026.
- Lost or Stolen Property: CEL is not responsible for personal belongings brought to programs.
- Registration Requests:
  - o Complete Registration Requests online: ExperienceCEL.org/register
  - o Drop Off: CEL business hours Monday Friday, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Inclement Weather & Cancellations:
  - o CEL may cancel programs or switch to a virtual format due to extreme weather, including, but not limited too:
    - Heat index over 100°F
    - Tornado warnings
  - Icy roads, snowstorms, or extreme wind chill
  - o If a cancellation occurs, members will be notified before the program start time.

**Program Guide Errors:** Our staff have made every effort to prepare this program guide as accurately as possible; however, errors can occur. Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. The Center for Enriched Living reserves the right to make any such adjustments. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors or adjustments may cause. CEL has no control over venues cancelling or rescheduling events. Should this occur, CEL will attempt to offer a comparable activity.

# REGISTER ONLINE NOW!







Scan Me!





Want to register another way?

Please contact our Community Engagement Team
for help: Outreach@ExperienceCEL.org
or visit ExperienceCEL.org/Register

Monthly Payment
Options are
Available.
See page 32 for more information.



### There are so many ways to connect with our community:

disabilities?

### Volunteer with CEL

We are always seeking volunteers and interns who are eager to engage regularly and foster meaningful connections with our members.

### • Partner with us

We are always on the lookout for corporate and community partners to join us in enriching the lives of our members and advocating for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### • Join our Board of Directors or a committee CEL's Board of Directors is an active, engaged, and dynamic group of leaders who champion our mission to enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### Employ CEL members

Our Employment Opportunities Program matches you with qualified candidates who are ready and willing to work.

### • Become a CEL member

Whether you're looking to make new friends, try out a new hobby, find a job, learn some new skills, or just have fun, we have something for everyone at CEL.

### • Join the CEL team

If you genuinely care about CEL's Mission, then we invite you to apply for open positions. We offer a comprehensive benefits package and generous PTO.





# CEL sounds like a wonderful experience – how do I get started?

New members must contact the Community Engagement Team to schedule a New Member Orientation and begin the membership process. Membership information should be completed in full and necessary documents provided to complete registration; The Community Engagement Coordinator will be the point of contact during this process. Please note that participation in an onsite program at CEL must occur prior to new members attending community excursions. Speak with one of the Community Engagement team members to set up an appointment: Cassara May, Cassara@ExperienceCEL.org, 847-315-0074 or Cassidy Paradise Cassidyp@ExperieneCEL.org, 847-315-9907.

### Can additional supports be provided?

We recognize that some members may require additional assistance to have a meaningful, safe, and successful experience. The program team will assess needs during the new membership process to ensure necessary supports are in place, especially for community-based activities. Our primary responsibility is the safety and security of all members, staff, volunteers, and community partners.

### When are program fees due?

Payment is preferred in full at the time of registration. Payment plans can be arranged with a credit card on file. In order to keep your account current, any balances are due in full prior to an event, excursion or recurring program. Please note that programs not meeting minimum enrollment may be subject to cancellation.

# Are there any discounted rates or coupons for programs?

CEL is proud to offer financial aid opportunities for programs. Please see page 32 for full details.

### What is your credit and refund policy?

- A cancellation that occurs prior to the start of a weekly program will incur a service fee of \$50 that will offset the refund. No refunds will be given after the first day of the weekly program.
- For special events and excursions, cancellations must be made 2 weeks prior to be eligible for a credit or refund. If tickets have been purchased for an excursion, the cost of tickets will not be reimbursed unless the spot is taken by another member. If an excursion is canceled by the venue or CEL, the program team will offer alternatives depending on the type of excursion and reason for cancellation. CEL has little control over venues that may cancel events.
- If a medical condition prevents a member from participating in a program, a doctor's note is required and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for credit or refund.
- Members who move out of the area will be eligible for a refund once the address change is confirmed

# What if I require a dietary consideration for a program or event?

We strive to accommodate the needs of our members and will do our best to meet requests. In some cases, particularly meals that are planned for a group event or those in the community, it may be difficult to ensure special menu choices. When snacks are offered during programs, members must bring their own gluten-free or dairy-free items as an alternative.

More Questions?

Call us at 847-948-7001 or email Info@ExperienceCEL.org **Experience Life's Possibilities**Programs & Services for People with Developmental Disabilities

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