

Waiver and Permission for Transportation Giant Steps Illinois, Inc. - Canopy Adult Day Program

Participant's Name: _____

General Permissions for Transportation:

I give permission for the above listed participant to be transported in a motor vehicle (15 passenger van, 12 passenger van, Multi-Functional School and Activity Shuttle Bus, golf cart, mini-van, or other GS approved vehicle) driven by the approved staff members of Giant Steps as part of his/her daily programming. I understand that the named participant is expected to follow the directions provided by the driver and/or other adult staff or volunteers riding with them in the vehicle to and from the designated locations. Giant Steps does not approve the transport of participants in staff personal vehicles for any reason. In an emergency situation where no other Giant Steps vehicle is available, the use of a rideshare program or emergency vehicle may be accessed in order to ensure the safety of the participants, staff, and community members. I understand that Giant Steps staff will contact me in case of an emergency or with any concerns regarding transportation.

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Expectations for Transportation:

The participant or assigned guardian has read and understands:

- (1) The participant will be traveling in a motor vehicle driven by an adult and they are to wear their safety-belt while traveling;
- (2) The participant is expected to respect their peers, the vehicles they ride in, and the people they travel with during the trip;
- (3) Riding in a motor vehicle may result in personal injuries or death from wrecks, collisions or acts by riders, other drivers, or objects; and
- (4) Participants are to remain in their seats and not be disruptive to the driver of the vehicle.

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Canopy Caravan Expectations:

The AM/PM pick up and drop off service that is provided by the Canopy staff and program from the 2500 Cabot Drive, Lisle, IL to 264 S Main St, Sugar Grove, IL is known as Canopy Caravan. The Caravan service is provided as an option for participants pending availability of seating and fit of participant. Caravan service is not guaranteed for participants enrolled in the Canopy Program and has separate qualifications for participants to have continued use of the services once they are enrolled in Caravan.

In order for participants to access the Canopy Caravan, participants must be able to:

1. Ride safely for up to 30 minutes each way, including wearing a safety belt and remaining seated in the designated assigned seat
2. Sit in close proximity to peers and staff with minimal assistance to maintain safe riding behaviors and conversational volume while on the vehicle. This includes, at times, sitting directly next to a peer or staff.

3. Enter and exit the vehicle in a regulated state with minimal prompting or physical assistance
4. Have reliable transportation arranged for pick up and drop off from the Lisle location at each end point of the Caravan trips

In the event that a rider on the Caravan is not regulated at the time of pick up or drop off, is exhibiting physical aggression, signs of heightened agitation or anxiety that may cause disruption or impact the safety of the other riders and driver on the vehicle, or is ill (has a known fever, diarrhea, or is vomiting) the participant will not be able to utilize the Caravan services for that leg of transportation. The family or other designated emergency contact will be responsible for arranging transportation to or from Canopy programming for the day.

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Canopy Transportation Practices:

- Canopy staffs a trained, licensed, and insurable driver to each vehicle that is participating in the transportation route in addition to a minimum of one support staff that rides within the general seating of the Caravan to support the Canopy participants as needed
- The support staff are able to use verbal, visual, and gesture supports and motivators to encourage positive ridership for the participants utilizing transportation services within Canopy
- In the event that a passenger was to become self-injurious, aggressive, or have a medical emergency, the Caravan driver would use their best discretion to pull over at the earliest, most convenient, and safest location available along the route
- Canopy staff are trained to utilize a physical restraint called Vehicle Behavior Protocol in the event that other proactive strategies and supports become in-effective. In the event of this occurrence, written notification is provided to the relevant family member or guardian
- Canopy staff will notify families of any changes to timing or availability of transportation services via email as soon as the changes and details are available to be communicated

I understand that the named participant is not required to participate in transportation activities, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in this activity, as with any activity involving motor vehicle transportation, the participant may risk personal injury or permanent loss. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

Participant's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____