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Regional Center of Orange County Offers Free Summer Vacation and "Staycation" Guide and Tips for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Santa Ana, CA (April, 2018) – Whether planning a vacation or a "staycation" this summer, parents of children with developmental disabilities face special challenges, so the <u>Regional Center of Orange County</u> offers helpful tips and access to a multitude of resources to help parents and families keep their children engaged and comfortable, so everyone enjoys the activity or outing.

- RCOC Summer Recreation Resources Guide: Get this free 14-page guide -- offered in English, Spanish and (coming in April) Vietnamese which provides details on more than 100 local recreation, social, camp, and sports/fitness programs, as well as other summer events and activities suitable for children with special needs. It also includes information about beach wheelchairs, discounts, free passes, and more.
- Simplify Vacation Travel: Access numerous online articles and tip sheets on how to make <u>air travel</u>, road trips, <u>cruises</u>, and theme park visits easier for those with special needs, including children with autism and those who use wheelchairs.
- **Tips from the TSA**: Download the <u>TSA Disability</u> <u>Notification Card</u>, and learn how to work with the <u>Transportation Security Administration</u> to reduce



anxieties that children with autism and other conditions may have about airport security.

To access these and many other free resources, visit the RCOC website at <u>rcocdd.com</u> and click on Resources for Children under the Family Support tab, then scroll down to the <u>Recreation link</u> and the <u>Travel link</u>. (<u>Note</u>: The agencies, individuals and programs listed are not endorsed by RCOC; this information is provided as a courtesy to assist families, and specific details may change periodically.) For additional resource information, contact Regional Center of Orange County's Family Resource Center at (714) 558-5400 or <u>ccfrc@rcocdd.com</u>.

About Regional Center of Orange County

RCOC is the private, nonprofit organization contracted by the State of California to coordinate life-long services and supports to nearly 21,000 Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disabilities, autism, epilepsy, and cerebral palsy.

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