

How We Protect from Neglecting Special Needs

1. Special Social Needs:

If a minor is challenged socially, he/she may be overly withdrawn, hyperactive, or overly aggressive. Also, a minor may have attention deficit disorder, may have difficulty understanding English, may have difficulty in relating with people, or a minor may simply have difficulty behaving in a normal fashion. Some behaviors may be related to medicine the minor takes, family background, illness or some other cause. If a minor is challenged socially or has any special social needs, it is important for us to be fully informed. Our ministries strive to be informed regarding effective discipline strategies, medication needs, and how to best communicate. Though we are not professional psychologists, we would like to be fully updated about any changes or concerns related to the needs of a minor so that we can share the love of Jesus with the greatest effect.

2. Special Physical/Mental/Health Needs:

If a minor is challenged in any way, (AIDS, CF, MS, MD, retardation, blindness, etc) even if it is not outwardly noticeable, we would like to be informed so that we will be able to adequately care for such a minor. Then, for instance, we would be able to get proper seating, avoid situations that would make the minor feel uncomfortable, or we could make adjustments to best suit the minor's needs.

3. Special Economic Needs:

Although no minor will be treated differently based on economic status, there may be certain times of special need for a minor that require action. Out of love for minors and obedience to scripture, our church's desire is to help. If a minor needs food, clothing or shelter, we will help find any available assistance from the church or from various organizations in the community.