Responding to Sensory and Social/Emotional Needs at Camp

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		enced trauma and/or have sensory or soci	al/emotional challenges	
Socia	l Cultural Red	commendations.		
	Many youth ext	nibit unhealthy adrenaline- or	seeking behavior	S.
Physi	cal/Medical I	Recommendations.		
		that all campers have the kn assume that all caregivers do either.	owledge or skills to take care	e of basic hygiene and
Emot	ional Recomi	mendations.		
	Quickly establis positive regard.	h a consistent relationship with a	adult, who presents	s with unconditional
		Avoid nitpicking. Help youth to id enter for Emotional Intelligence (rulerappro		• •
	UndersLabelinExpress	izing emotions in oneself and others tanding the causes and consequences of er g emotions with a nuanced vocabulary sing emotions in accordance with cultural n ting emotions with helpful strategies		
	Make camp a p	lace to practice executive functioning skills, n.	, through	, organizing, and
	Use mindfulnes	s techniques like slow breathing to help yo	uth re-regulate their emotio	ns.
Schoo	ol/Education	al Recommendations.		
		n/check-out process to build in opportuniti ain positive reinforcement for positive beh		n an adult, self-monitor
	Replace proble	m behaviors such as inappropriate boundar	ies with new	
Famil	y Recommen	idations.		
	Avoid	struggles.		
	Review the env	ironment and systems in place at camp to i	dentify places where youth ${\mathfrak g}$	get dysregulated.
	Provide	of activities and alternati	ve ways to complete necessa	ary tasks, and breaks

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Sensory Recommendations.

schedules.

An Occupational Therapist can develop a child-specific sensory diet in order to optimize function in activities of daily living...

Senso	ory-Seeking Recommendations.				
	Provide opportunities to increase or help set the table, and by using rocking chair	by allowing youth to gather their own supplies s, swings and hammocks.			
	Increase auditory input by playing upbeat music bathrooms, etc.	or noise during routine activities in cabins,			
	Engaging campers in proprioceptive activity, by providing the option to during meal time or use weighted items like blankets, etc				
	Keep campers active!				
	Provide items and opportunity to engage tactile items through touch with fidgets and items				
	Increase movement with trampolines, crab-walk, and other full-body activities.				
	Enhance sensations of vision, sound and smell by placing interesting pictures or books (like Where's Waldonand items like scented markers in places where campers typically have difficulty.				
Senso	ory-Avoiding Recommendations.				
	Limit extra movement and touch by limiting act behind; dampen senses with use of weighted	ivities to one space; minimize movement of others around and or toys.			
	Reduce bright lights by use of shades and	in housing areas and designated common spaces.			
	Minimize odors by using products for cleaning, bathing, laundry, etc				
	Allow children to play and quietle	у.			
	Provide designated spaces for	play and rest, and for insert name to return to a regulated state.			
	Identify and allow for campers to have	items, positions and experiences.			
		g a task to avoid unknown components. Use check-lists and visual			