



"rEcess is changing the story of disability, loving people, and empowering others to serve families experiencing disability in their communities." It was started by a Christian family who lost a child on his 99th day. It is a monthly program for families who have children with disabilities. We provide a safe environment, structure and activities for the children (both special needs and siblings) while the parents have an afternoon out. We believe rEcess will be a perfect complement to SSBC's current "ACCESS" program, also for special needs families.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT rEcess and how it got started, go to their website: [www.99ballons.org](http://www.99ballons.org) then, "OUR STORY"; "WHY 99 Balloons?" and watch the short video. Also explore the rEcess tab. To learn more about the South Shore Baptist Church program, go to "You Tube", South Shore Baptist Church and watch our video(s).

## **WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE A VOLUNTEER for rEcess**

### **1) Create a Hub account**

All events, forms, registrations, training manuals and videos are managed via the "rEcess Hub."

Even if you are not sure you will commit to this, we will need you to create a Hub account to ensure you are "on the roster" if you decide to volunteer.

- a. Go to: [www.recesshub.com](http://www.recesshub.com). Create an account. You will then get a link in your email to complete your registration. You will register as either a volunteer OR a family (those who will use the program). The steps are fairly intuitive. There are drop downs to choose: "Massachusetts" and then "SSBC."
- b. We will notify you when a rEcess event is scheduled. If you can volunteer, you must then go into your rEcess Hub account and RSVP on the Registration page. THIS IS THE ONLY way we can know and track who is coming so it is mandatory for volunteers AND families bringing children.

### **2) Submit a CORI form (if over 18)**

ALL CHILD CARE workers must submit a CORI form (Criminal Offender Record Information). This is a Massachusetts and rEcess requirement and is a background check for safety. If you have one on file with SSBC, it is only active for 3 years. If yours is older than that, please redo the application. If you are not sure, we can check your status.

- a. CORI form: located in a white file/organization table as you enter the Children's Wing at SSBC near Ann Cox's office. Please fill one out, make a copy of your Driver's license and drop them both in Ann's mailbox by her door.

## **PARENTS who wish to use rEcess**

Parents who plan to bring children to rEcess must fill out a "Parent Packet" and "Waiver" form at least two weeks before the rEcess event. This is a one-time (per year) process. This information will be reviewed by the Leadership Team and our Medical professional to assess our ability to care for your children with confidence and safety. Once a medical review is complete, parents must set up a rEcess Hub account and then register for the actual event (see above directions). Contact Louise Villani at [louisepfund@comcast.net](mailto:louisepfund@comcast.net) or Megan Halvorson at [megan.halvorson@me.com](mailto:megan.halvorson@me.com) if you are a parent and wish to participate, need directions to accessing the parent packet forms, or would like more information.