

A Quick Guide: Challenges to Expect

The challenges expected to be encountered and how to go about them.

It has come to my attention that despite the dedication you have put in to help those facing disability, there exists a chance that you will experience perhaps two main challenges while trying to adapt to the work environment and demands. Despite this, this is to help you get acquainted with what you are to face and how to go about it. Many of those who you will be offering your services to originate from different backgrounds thus the need to inform you of how local communities respond to strangers. This is not to mean that you are to be faced with hostility but implying that you may find it somehow different adjusting compared to your initial expectations.

As camp counsellors, the first challenge may involve dealing with the embodied nature and bodily experiences of the disabled children who will be staying at the camp. Some situations may turn out to be overwhelming unlike others thus expected to act normal so as not to make the affected children feel accepted.

When offering services to the children, try not to be in favor of certain children. This will help the children feel that none is more special or privileged than the other.



- ▶ Moreover, I expect you to experience some level of challenge in dealing with the families of the disabled students staying at the camp. This is something new in the area thus some will be highly concerned of the wellbeing of their children.
- ▶ Before embarking on your duties as counsellors, it would be advisable to hold brief meeting with these families and inform them of your agendas so as to win their support and trust.
- ▶ Involve these families as much as possible in all programs you implement

With this information, I expect you to fit in and easily adapt to your work environment.