

## 2021 Recreation, Respite & Life skills Fair Exhibitor Profile

<b>Name of Organization or Program:</b>	Jays Care Foundation, Challenger Baseball
<b>Catchment Area (geographic location):</b>	National program
<b>Age range serviced: e.g. 6-18 yrs.18 and up:</b>	Challenger Baseball programs are open to athletes of all ages and abilities including children, youth and adults living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.
<b>Client population (disability specific):</b>	Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball program designed to empower children, youth and adults living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.
<b>Family and sibling programming:</b>	Families are encouraged to use programming time as respite to cheer on their CB athlete or they can participate as CB buddies (1-1 on-field support for athletes).
<b>Application deadlines:</b>	Based on location, applications are open from March – May for community Challenger Baseball programs.
<b>Waitlist Information:</b>	There are no waitlists for CB!
<b>Program /Service costs:</b>	The goal of Challenger Baseball is to remove all barriers involved in participating in adaptive, recreation programming. Program costs differ from league to league but typically range from \$0-\$30 based on program.
<b>Client Ratios:</b>	1 Coach to 5 athletes 1 buddy to 1 athlete
<b>Type of programming or service offered: (e.g. respite, recreation, life-skills, transitions, equipment, other)</b>	Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball program in partnership with Baseball Canada and Little League Canada designed to empower children, youth and adults living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. The program is designed to enhance the life skills that are inherent to baseball including connection, courage, teamwork, independence and more! Athletes of all ability levels are encouraged to participate in Challenger Baseball. Challenger Baseball is designed to be grassroots and non-competitive. It is a great program to engage children, youth and adults who are nervous about participating in sport and recreation as it is safe and inclusive for everyone. CB provides athletes with an opportunity to connect with peers and strengthen life skills, baseball skills and ties within the community.
<b>Group or individual services provided:</b>	Challenger Baseball is team based program that helps to build connections among families

	and members within the community.
<b>Is one-on-one support provided:</b>	Buddies are CB volunteers that are paired with CB athletes as their 1-1 support while participating in programming. Buddies are there to ensure that athletes are safe, to encourage participation and to be the athlete's number one fan!
<b>What changes to your programming have you implemented due to COVID-19?</b>	Since COVID-19 began, Challenger Baseball programs have pivoted to virtual programming through Jays Care Foundation (JCF). JCF offers large-scale virtual events, Super Camps, Virtual Pen-Pal programs and many other opportunities that create a space for athletes to connect with other athletes across Canada, engage in active programming and feel celebrated.
<b>Do you offer in-person programming:</b>	As of right now, there are no in-person CB programs running. Programs will commence based on Provincial Regulations.
<b>Do you offer virtual programming:</b>	Challenger Baseball programs have pivoted to virtual programming through Jays Care Foundation (JCF). JCF offers large-scale virtual events, Super Camps, Virtual Pen-Pal programs and many other opportunities that create a space for athletes to connect with other athletes, engage in active programming and feel celebrated.
<b>Other Important information to share:</b>	Challenger Baseball Schools Program is another avenue of CB. If your child, youth or adult living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities is interested in participating in Challenger Baseball at school or in their Adult Day program then please reach out to <a href="mailto:Ahsan.Musavi@bluejays.com">Ahsan.Musavi@bluejays.com</a> for more information regarding next steps!
<b>Contact for families: (email, phone)</b>	For more information about Challenger Baseball please visit <a href="http://www.challengerbaseballcanada.ca">www.challengerbaseballcanada.ca</a>  To find a Challenger Baseball league near you please email <a href="mailto:Ahsan.Musavi@bluejays.com">Ahsan.Musavi@bluejays.com</a>