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## Easter Seals Day Camp- The Right Decision

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For seventeen years I have struggled with letting go. If I let my daughter Kiana out of my sight, would her fragile body get hurt? Would others understand her? Would she fit in? The list of questions was endless.

Many times I drove past Easter Seals House on Mt. Scio Road. Many times I viewed the website. Many times I wondered "Can we do this?"

**For my child... I did the right thing!**

I registered Kiana for just one week of Day Camp at Easter Seals. At drop off, she was terrified... and so was I! But at the end of the day it was evident...

**She was in love!**

She was in love with the care and compassion she received from the staff, she was in love with learning, she was in love with Easter Seals House- the place where she was welcomed, the place where she fit in! The counselors were amazing! They learned her needs and they helped her feel safe and explore the world!

She did things I never thought she would ever have a chance to- She rock climbed, she took part in a talent show, she laughed and had fun with friends... all without holding Mom's hand! That first week led to two more... Three weeks of incredible learning and growth. And it was worth every minute! By making the decision to send my daughter to camp we all found a place where we belong!