

STATELINE FAMILY YMCA, INC.

SERVICE ANIMALS POLICY

Service animals play an important role in ensuring the independence of individuals with disabilities, and it is therefore our policy to welcome into our facilities and program sites any animal that is specifically trained to assist a person with a disability. Where an animal is excluded by law from the premises or may affect the health and safety of others, other measures may be explored.

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities; these animals may be needed for a variety of reasons. Title II and III of the ADA does not cover "service animals in training;" however, the Y will welcome all service animals in training that are not determined to be a disruption to business operations at the sole discretion of the branch leadership. Similarly, "emotional support animals" are not protected by Title II and III of the ADA; emotional support animals are not permitted at Stateline Family YMCA.

The handler is responsible for the care and supervision of his/her service animal. If a service animal behaves in an unacceptable way and the person with a disability does not control the animal, the Y does not have to allow the animal onto its premises. Uncontrolled barking, jumping on other people, or running away from the handler are examples of unacceptable behavior for a service animal. A service animal may be excluded when the animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.