

About LifeTown

- LifeTown is a realistic indoor “city” designed specifically for children with special needs to have fun while practicing important life skills through role-play
- LifeTown was developed in consultation with parents of children with special needs, therapists, educators and professionals
- Students learn in a supportive, positive and structured environment
- Volunteers staff LifeTown and have a sincere desire to help the students succeed
- Through targeted lessons the students learn and practice important life skills
- Students learn safety skills by walking through the “city” with working traffic lights and a volunteer safety officer
- Older students learn employment skills through job exploration, job interviews and on the job training at LifeTown.
- Socialization takes place in a supportive, friendly environment
- Students benefit with each visit to LifeTown where they can reinforce classroom lessons with “hands on” experiences
- Lessons can be customized for every student’s learning needs

Get involved!

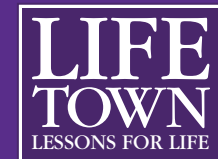
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Welcome to LifeTown!

Life Skills Training for Students with Disabilities



LifeTown: A Realistic Indoor “City” Where Students Learn and Practice Important Life Skills in a Supportive, Friendly Environment



Huntington Bank

Students can enhance their financial literacy during their visit to LifeTown by learning how to deposit and withdraw funds. They use their money to purchase goods and services in the other LifeTown venues.

The Deli

LifeTown students who have been hired to work in the Deli learn to take food orders and serve customers in this mini-restaurant.



The Library

Students can check out a book or magazine from the LifeTown Library and relax on a bench in LifeTown Park. They can use the library computer to conduct research on a topic of interest such as a pet that they saw in the Pet Place.

The Pet Place

The LifeTown Pet Place is a pet shelter fully stocked with reptiles, birds and touchable animals such as guinea pigs and rabbits. The students can learn about the animals and even hold and feed them during their visit. Students typically enjoy making several visits to the Pet Place during their lesson.



The Salon

Students learn about personal hygiene and grooming and how to make and keep an appointment for a hair styling or a “mini-manicure” at The Salon by calling in advance or stopping in to schedule an appointment during their visit to LifeTown.



RITERUG Theater

Students can visit the RITERUG Theater to watch a movie or television show. The marquis and showing times can be customized for the visiting group. The feature can be selected by LifeTown or supplied by the visiting group.



The Big Studio

The Big Studio is a special arts and crafts workshop where children will gather to learn and practice a wide variety of art techniques.



Pedestrian and Bike Safety Program

Students can practice pedestrian and bike safety in a controlled environment. A volunteer serves as a safety officer.

Fit for Life Medical Center

Students can make appointments with the LifeTown doctor or dentist to learn healthy practices. The dentist will discuss good brushing practices and oral hygiene. He or she will also explain the tools and equipment in the office. The doctor will measure a child's height and weight and present basic health and nutrition information. LifeTown staff will insure that children understand that all medical concerns should be discussed with the child's personal doctor or dentist.



Life Town Park and Marketplace

Students can relax in the LifeTown Park and enhance their financial literacy skills by purchasing a variety of items from The Marketplace and nearby kiosks or renting a bike for a short ride.

