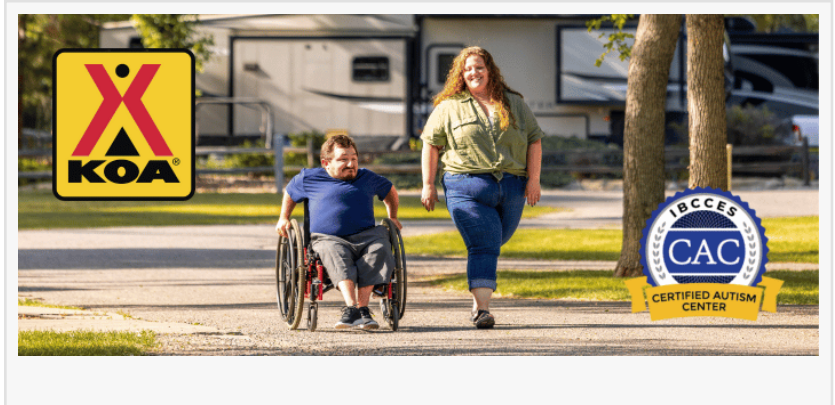


# Billings KOA Holiday Campground Becomes a Certified Autism Center™, Enhancing Accessibility for All Visitors

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) proudly awards the [Certified Autism Center™](#) (CAC) designation to [Billings KOA Holiday Campground](#), signifying their commitment to enhancing inclusivity and accessibility for all campers,

especially autistic and sensory-sensitive visitors. To earn this designation, staff completed a specialized training and certification process, equipping them with resources and best practices and resources to assist every guest that visits the campground. IBCCES also conducted an onsite review of Billings KOA to create sensory guides and offer additional recommendations to improve the visitor experience.



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*Jill Currier, senior vice president of OAK Operations*

“Our mission at Kampgrounds of America is to connect people with the outdoors and each other,” explains Jill Currier, senior vice president of OAK Operations for Kampgrounds of America, Inc. “We pride ourselves on providing exceptional experiences for all types of campers, no matter their background or ability. We know that travel can be challenging for individuals and families with autism or other sensory sensitivities. We are proud to be named a Certified Autism Center™, allowing us to create specialized

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The Billings KOA Holiday has updated property signage, ensured website accessibility, and will open a sensory room early next year, converting an existing camping cabin into a quiet space for guests to find solace. Guests with autism and other sensory needs will receive a complimentary

sensory bag at check-in, upon request. These bags include noise protectors, a weighted lap pad, hand squeezers and a light-up handheld aquarium.

“We are proud to partner with Billings KOA Holiday Campground in certifying them as a Certified Autism Center™,” says Myron Pincomb, IBCCES board chairman. “Their commitment to providing an accessible and welcoming stay for autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals is truly commendable. We applaud their efforts and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will continue to make on every guest that visits.”

Since 2001, IBCCES has been the leader in autism, neurodiversity, and cognitive disorder training and certification for healthcare, education, and corporate professionals around the globe. IBCCES created programs for a variety of industries, so staff would be more knowledgeable and other accommodations could be offered to this growing, but underserved, part of the community. IBCCES is the only credentialing board offering these types of programs, which include training from subject matter experts and autistic self-advocates, as well as long-term support, continuous learning, and more.

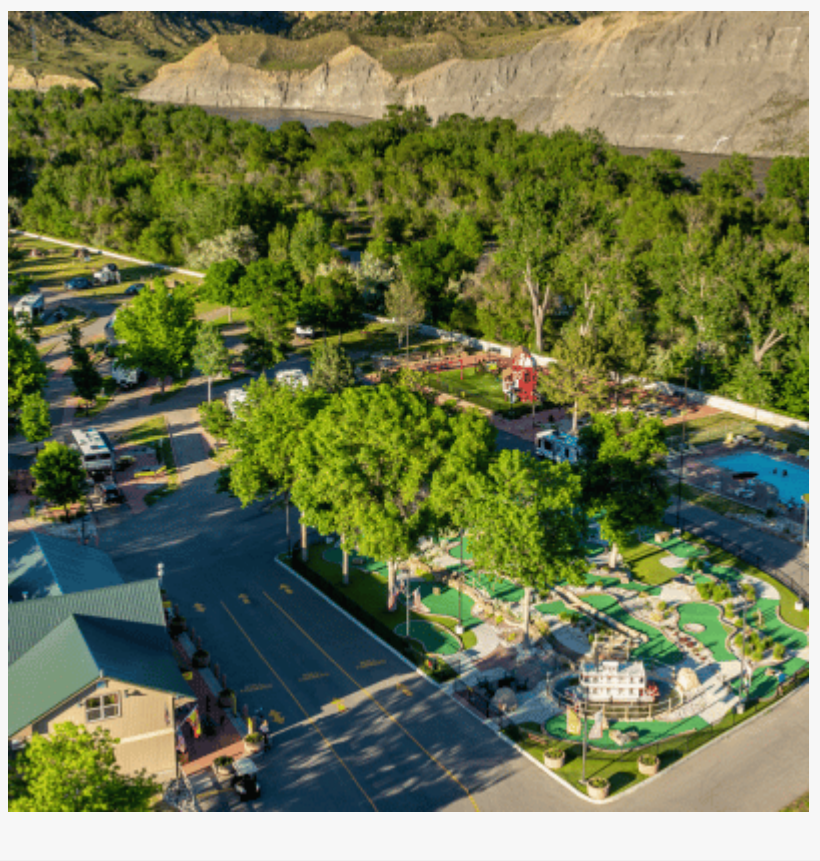
IBCCES also created [AutismTravel.com](https://www.autismtravel.com), a free online resource for parents that lists certified locations and professionals. Each organization listed on the site has met Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) requirements.



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