

What is C.A.R.E.?



C.A.R.E. (Community Assistance Resource and Education) is a program established by the Collier County Sheriff's Office to assist the increasing number of citizens that have special needs such as Autism, Down Syndrome, mentally handicapped etc. This voluntary program offers many positive, proactive measures to provide the best services to our citizens. There is no fee required to participate.

The program uses information from a parent/caregiver highlighting if verbal or non-verbal, positive and negative triggers, favorite places to go, family the participant positively responds to etc., as well as a current photograph. This Information is specific to the child/adult and is entered into the Sheriff's Office C.A.R.E. program which can be accessed by every deputy. It provides Law Enforcement valuable information that is immediately available, reducing and eliminating misinterpretations and miscommunications when conducting a search or when a child/adult has been found.

The C.A.R.E. program improves community policing services and increases the sense of security among residents, thus fulfilling our goal of "service to others" by providing the most efficient, professional, courteous citizen-oriented service to the residents of Collier County.

For more information and to sign up please contact the Senior and Victim Advocacy unit at 239-252-0234.