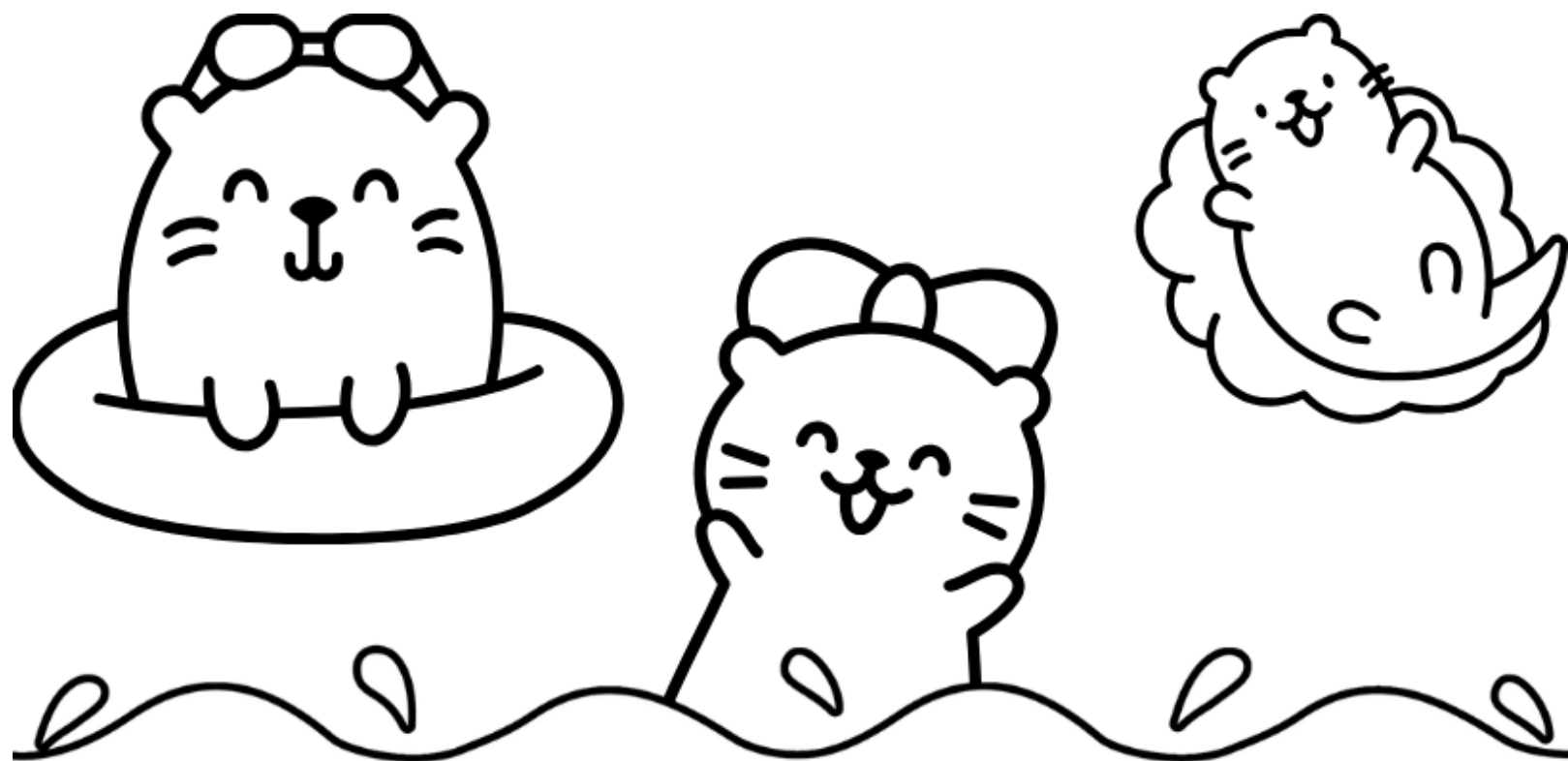




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- 1. C**lose & Constant Supervision
- 2. C**ut out distractions
- 3. C**PR Certified

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As the #1 cause of death in kids with autism, drowning prevention and water safety is an important initiative that CARD-USF focuses on year-round. Using our Autism Services Fund, CARD provides Josh the Otter kits, along with training and technical assistance, to first responders and safety advocates to use and distribute. This water safety curriculum helps teach children how to be safe around water, a vital and life-saving skillset!

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In Florida, hurricanes are an annual concern, and CARD works year-round to provide education and strategies to families and community partners. Unfortunately, the major hurricanes that recently impacted our region displaced several families. CARD-USF is grateful to have been able to provide families who have been in shelters for an extended period with sensory items to reduce anxiety and sensory overload as well as Safety Kits to reduce risks in a new and unfamiliar environment.

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Fire safety is critical for children with autism, who may not respond to emergencies in typical ways. Traditional beeping fire alarms do not provide clear instruction of the appropriate action to take and may cause sensory dysregulation that makes it more difficult for the autistic individual to act. Thanks to our generous community partners, CARD is able to include a voice fire alarm, fire safety visuals, and laminated emergency communication cards in our CARD Safety Kit.

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Sensory overload is more than just discomfort. It can cause the individual to wander away from safety to escape the trigger and it may also make it more difficult for the person to follow safety instructions. CARD-USF works with many community partners to help them provide a more sensory-friendly experience for all. This includes providing participating partners with our Distract Paks – toolkits with small toys and sensory items – to help their guests feel less overwhelmed so they can enjoy and participate in an activity or event.

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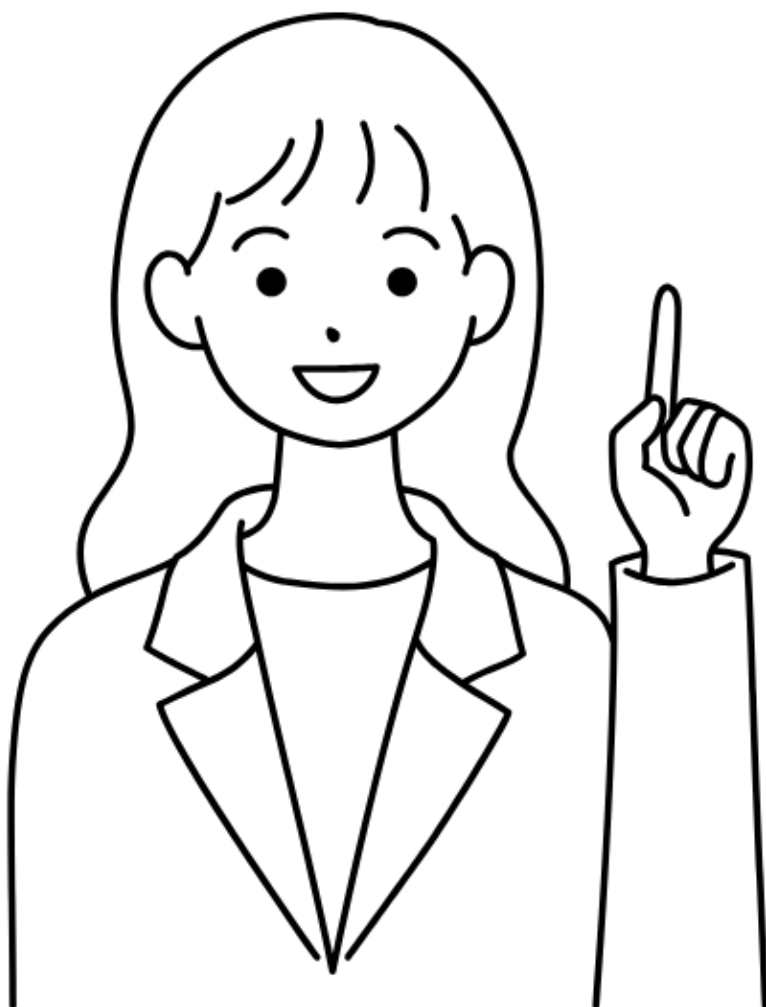
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About half of all children with ASD wander/elope, putting them at serious risk of drowning or traffic injury. CARD-USF is proud to partner with local law enforcement to provide tracking bracelets that help locate a missing child. Our Safety Kits also include tools for prevention, such as door and window alarms, stop sign visuals, and strategy tips.

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Because they may not recognize the dangers of household chemicals, and because compulsive cravings to eat non-food items (pica) can be common, children with ASD are particularly vulnerable to accidental poisoning. In fact, children with ASD experience treatment from poisoning 7.6 times more frequently than their typically developing peers. Along with important information and prevention strategies, our CARD Safety Kits include cabinet locks and medication lockboxes to help families limit access to potentially dangerous materials.

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