

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your interest in having a **COUNT ME IN Preschool/Kindergarten** puppet presentation at your school or organization. **Enclosed is a request form that must be returned to PACER before we can schedule a program. Please enclose a map and directions to your site from the nearest main highway, as well as information on where to park and enter the building.**

**COUNT ME IN** is a project of PACER, a national training and information center for families of children and youth with special health needs and all disabilities. COUNT ME IN features multi-cultural child-size puppets with disabilities such as blindness, deafness, and physical disability. The puppets are operated by volunteer puppeteers. The program helps to dispel fears, myths and misconceptions about people with disabilities, and promotes a message of inclusion

**Audience:** The **COUNT ME IN Pre/K** short program is appropriate for children ages 4 -6 in preschool and kindergarten. **The material presented is not appropriate for children younger than four, therefore, we ask that no younger children be included.** To allow students to interact with the puppets, **audience size should not exceed 40-60 children.** (A more in-depth presentation is also available for students in first through fourth grades.)

**Cost and Scheduling:** The presentation is about 30- 35 minutes long. **The cost is \$75 per presentation. Up to three presentations can be scheduled in a single day** with a one-hour break. Request forms are filed by month requested; then the organization is contacted 4-6 weeks in advance to confirm date, time and number of shows. A written confirmation is mailed two weeks prior to the show date.

**Site:** The site for the COUNT ME IN presentation can be a quiet gymnasium, auditorium or classroom large enough to accommodate the students seated on the floor. **We must have access to the room 30 minutes in advance to set up our equipment. Please provide chairs for 3 puppeteers and all adults viewing the show.**

**Evaluation and Follow-Up:** Adults attending the presentation will be asked to complete an evaluation form to help us refine the program and better meet student needs. Students receive a letter of explanation to take home to their families. COUNT ME IN provides each school with *Disability Awareness: A Guidebook for Families and Educators* for every show that is ordered. This manual includes information on disabilities, resources, and suggestions for follow-up activities. Each teacher will also be given some additional material, which includes a sign language alphabet, a Braille alphabet, and a copy of the COUNT ME IN song. Additional copies of the guidebook may be purchased from PACER for \$15.00 plus tax.

If you would like further information, please contact PACER Center at (952) 838-9000 and ask for COUNT ME IN. Thank you for encouraging disability awareness in your community!

Sincerely,

PACER's Puppet Program Coordinators

**COUNT ME IN PUPPET SHOW ON DISABILITY AWARENESS**  
**Preschool/Kindergarten Request for Presentation**

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SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN OFFICE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERFORMANCES:**                    **1) 4-6 year olds ONLY**  
   **2) Maximum of 60 students each program**  
   **3) Maximum of three programs can be presented in one day.**

**COST:** \$75.00 for one program.    **SEND BILL TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of programs requested: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students & ages attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of teachers/aides/adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Site/room in school for presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS** from **nearest major highway** to site ( \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION FOR PARKING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIFY DOOR TO ENTER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer a particular month? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates during selected month that are **not** available? \_\_\_\_\_

Weekdays/times are that are preferred? \_\_\_\_\_

What time does your school begin? \_\_\_\_\_ Lunchtime(s) \_\_\_\_\_ School Ends? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requesting this program \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Informational letters in English are provided for the students to take home following the program presentation. Please check if you would also like an **original for copying** in any of the following languages:

Hmong \_\_\_\_

Somali \_\_\_\_

Spanish \_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**    PACER Center, Inc., COUNT ME IN, 8161, Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044; 952- 838-9000 Voice; **Fax: 952 -838-0199**; 952-838-0190 TTY