

CONNECTING YOU TO PLAY: JOOAY

Jooay App Monthly Newsletter

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ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Jooay newsletter! Jooay is a free mobile and web app (<https://jooay.com/>) that helps children with disabilities and their families locate leisure opportunities that are close to where they live; accessible and inclusive; suit their needs and abilities; match their preferences; and can help them develop and participate in society.

Stay tuned for monthly updates on adapted leisure events and opportunities, as well as updates related to the Jooay App and our community. Let's help children get more involved in leisure together!

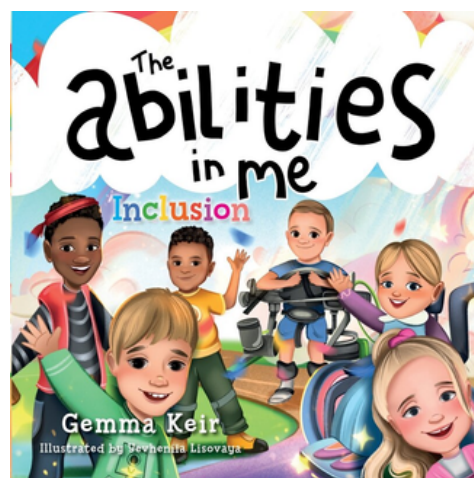
ACTIVITIES

1. The Abilities in Me Foundation across Canada

There are so many new activities this new year!

Join Abilities in Me every two weeks for short 30-minute Zoom sessions to be part of the Book Club! Children will use that as a discussion to learn about lots of different disabilities; at the end of each session, the children can discuss their abilities.

If you'd like your child/children to attend these sessions, please email author@theabilitiesinme.com to secure your place and get a meeting ID via Zoom link!



[Click here to learn more!](#)



2. YMCA Summer Camp across the Greater Toronto Area

Registration for Summer Day Camp is officially open. It's a chance to give your kids an unforgettable summer of growth, friendship, and fun.

With over 25 programs to pick from at 40+ locations across the GTA, there's something for every camper. Whether your kids are mastering a new skill, creating lifelong friendships, or exploring the outdoors, YMCA Summer Day Camp is all for building confidence, connection, and unforgettable memories.



[Click here to learn more!](#)

3. CP Kids and Family Dance Program in Calgary, Alberta

Ready to bust a move or just want to try something new? CP Kids and Family's new Adapted Dance Program is the place to move, have fun, and make new friends!

With classes for different ages and abilities, everyone can feel confident, improve coordination, and improve their groove in a supportive, inclusive space. Spots are limited; sign up now!



[Click here to find out more!](#)



4. BBNC EarlyON Programs in Toronto, Ontario

Looking for fun Winter activities to warm you up in 2025?

BBNC offers weekly activities in safe and welcoming environments open to all families. These high-quality programs help children find support, advice, personal connections, and access to a network of resources. BBNC programs encourage children to learn, play, laugh, be curious, make friends, and engage with others



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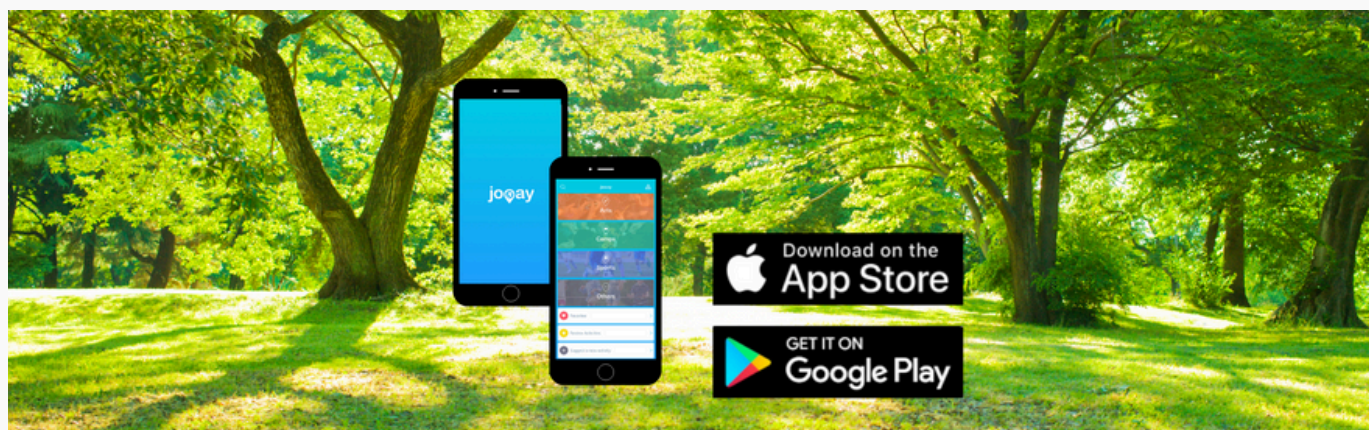
5. Between Friends Adventurers Program in Calgary, Alberta

The Adventurers program is a fun, age-appropriate, structured group trip available throughout the year.

These may include adrenaline-inducing adventures like whitewater rafting or more relaxed staycation days. All trips are accessible and perfect for exploring Calgary and beyond! It is all about making memories with fellow members and turning exploration into excitement.



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6. King Toronto Winter Programs in King, Ontario

There is no place like King this winter!

The start of recreation programs is this month! Dabble in musical theatre, try cooking or coding, take a dance class, join an ice hockey, badminton or ultimate frisbee league, play sports or explore the wintry outdoors snowshoeing and cross-country skiing! Learn how to swim or train to be a swim instructor and lifeguard. Visit the website to register today.



[Click here to learn more!](#)

7. Swim Time Winter Program in Thornhill, Ontario

Swim Time has always maintained a positive and personal approach to teaching.

This winter, Swim Time provides quality swim lessons to people of all ages in a safe environment. Its small class size, well-trained instructors, warm water, and Lifesaving Society programs make it a great choice.



[Click here to learn more!](#)



JOOAY APP UPDATES

**HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR UPGRADED VERSION
OF THE JOOAY APP?!**

**FIND IT TODAY ON THE APP STORE AND GOOGLE
PLAY & DISCOVER OUR NEW FEATURES.**

The advertisement features three smartphones against a green and blue bokeh background. The largest smartphone on the left displays the 'jooay' logo on a blue screen. The middle smartphone shows the app's main menu with categories: Arts, Camps, Sports, and Others, along with a 'Favorites' section and buttons for 'Review Activities' and 'Suggest a new activity'. The rightmost smartphone displays the 'Art Activities' screen, listing various online programs such as 'Online DA@Home - Dance Adventure', 'Online Easter Art Packs', 'Online Multi Arts Programs', 'Online Colouring Sheets', 'Online Multi Arts Day Program', 'Online Virtual Summer Camp Program', 'Online Para Dance Classes', and 'Online Ability Dance Classes'. Each listing includes a star rating, a 'PAGES' indicator, and an 'Online' status. In the top right corner, there is a 'GET IT ON Google Play' button with the Google Play logo. In the bottom center, there is a 'Download on the App Store' button with the Apple logo.

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THE UPGRADED VERSION OF THE JOOAY APP

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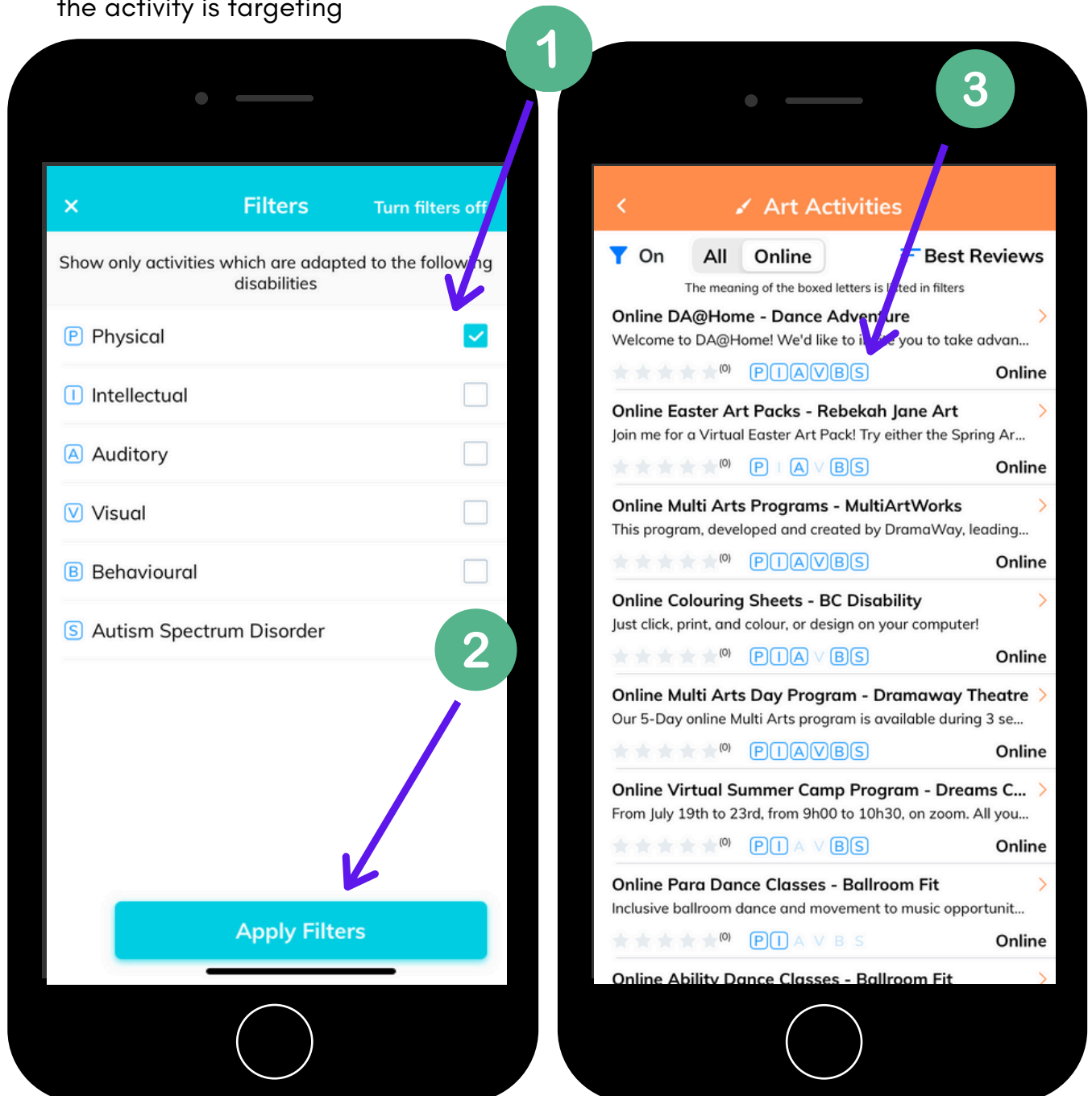
SEARCHING FOR THE TYPE OF SPECIAL NEED

When viewing an activity in the Jooay app ...

1. Select the filter of your choice
2. Click on "Apply Filters"

OR

3. When viewing activities, see the Letters which indicate the type of disability the activity is targeting

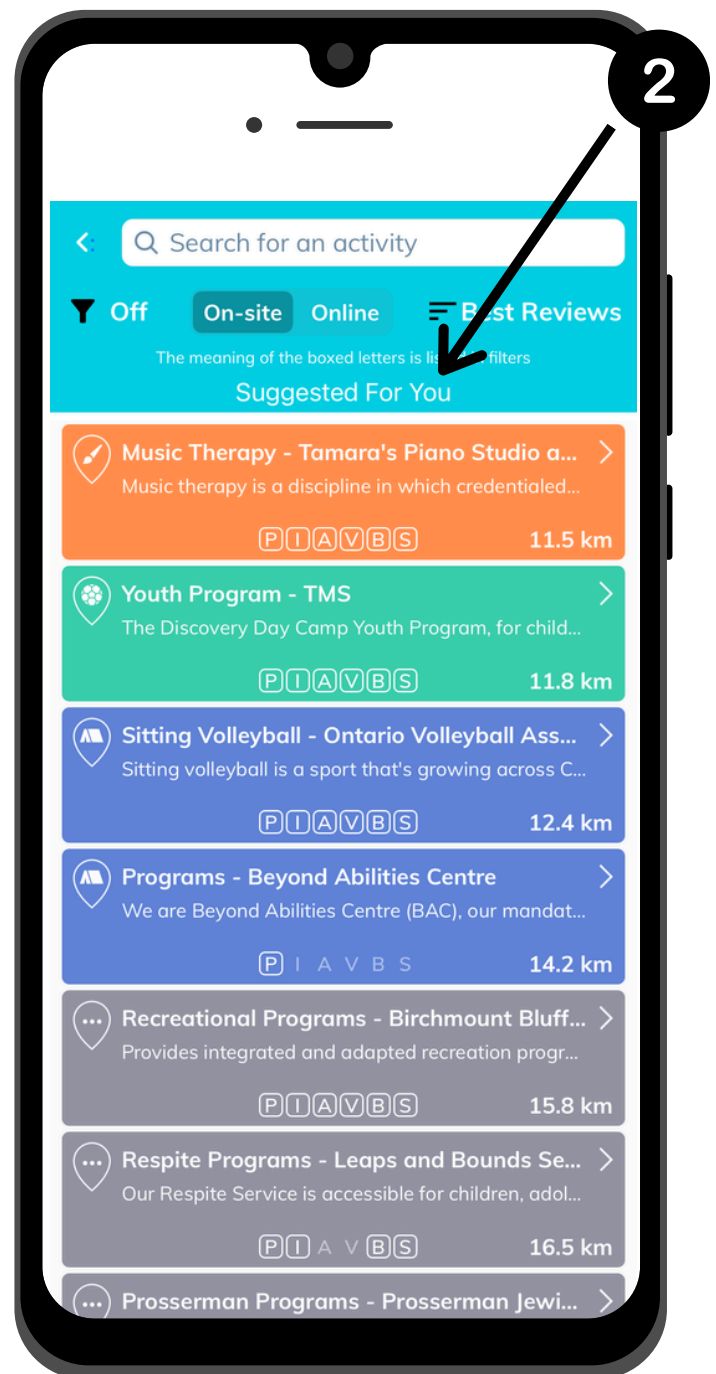
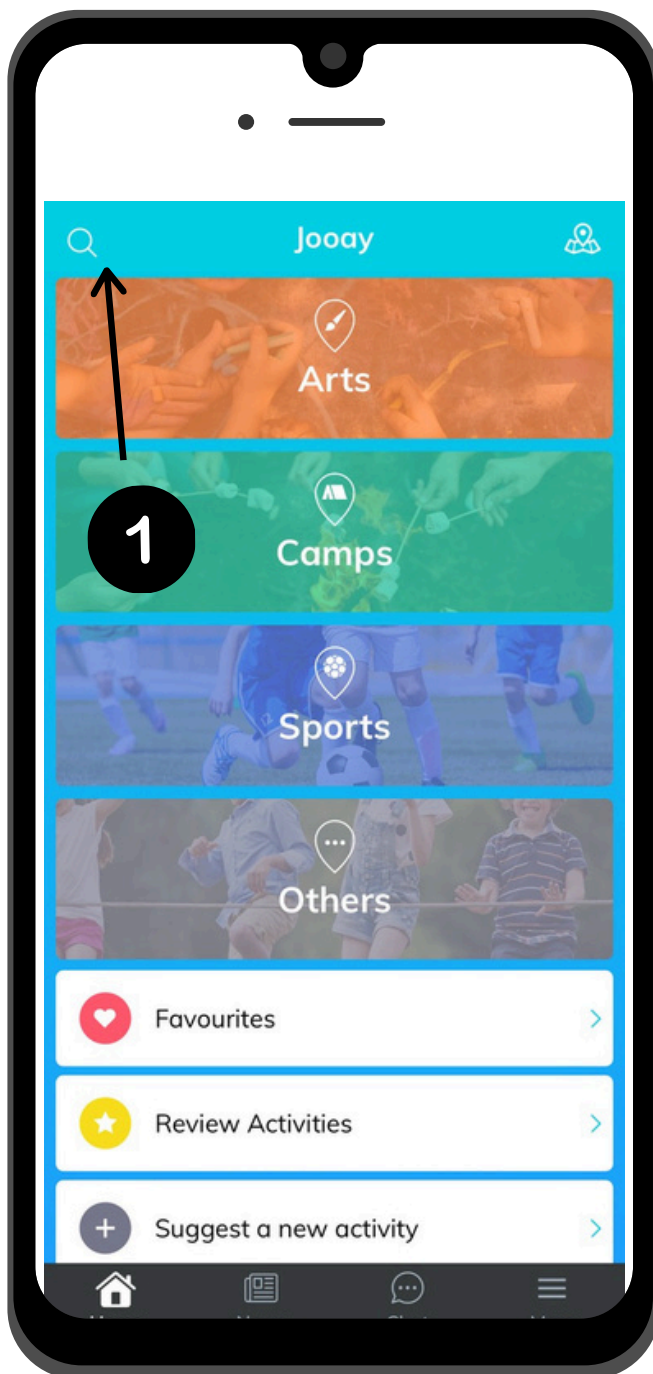


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SUGGESTED FOR YOU

When viewing the new suggested activities

1. Click on the "Search" icon
2. Suggested activities will pop up under the search bar



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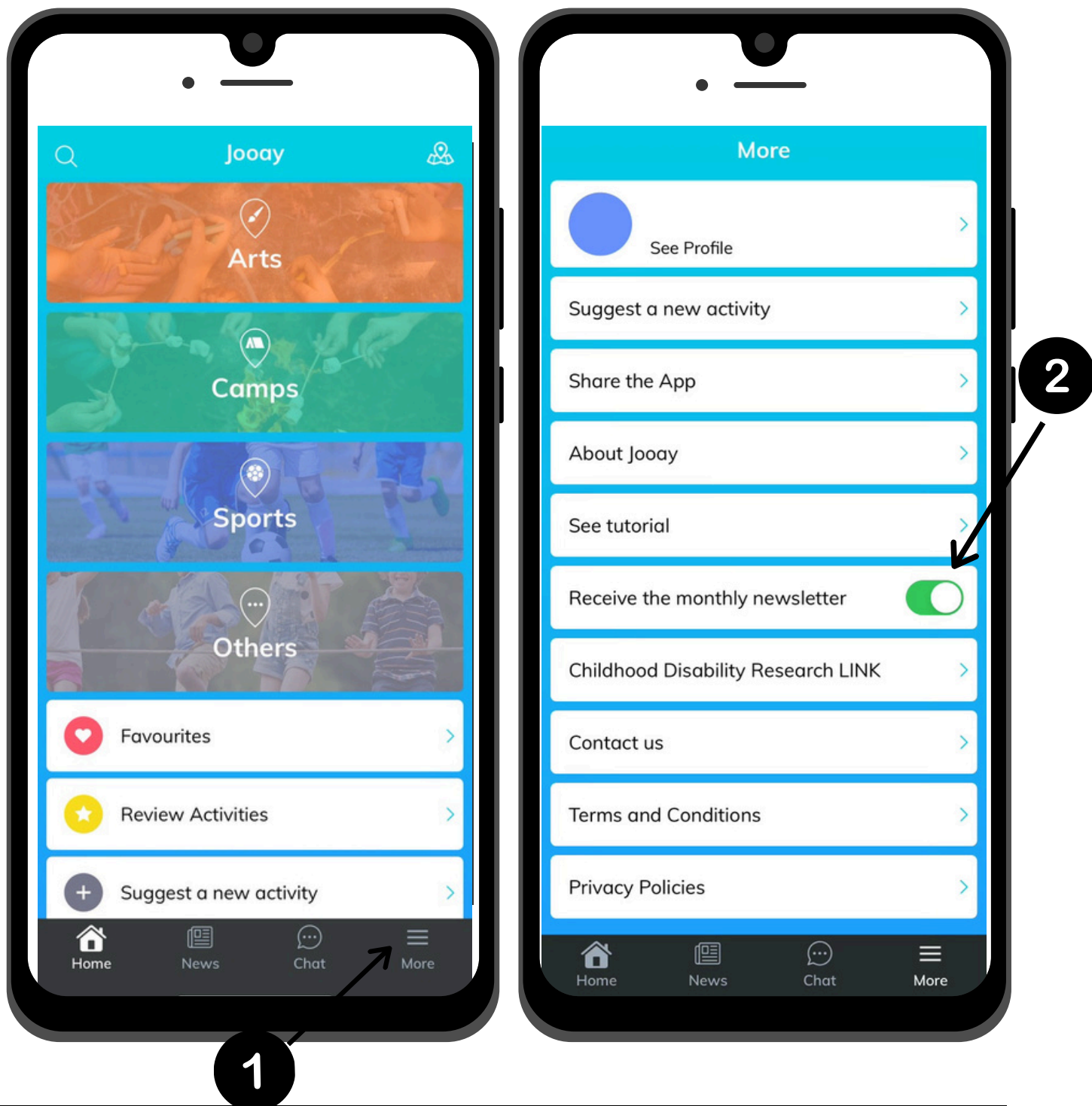
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RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

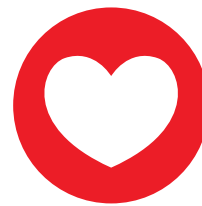
You can now receive the monthly newsletter which just a click of a button

1. Click on the "More" icon on the bottom left of your screen
2. Click on the "Receive the monthly newsletter" button

When it turns green, the newsletter will be sent to your email every month



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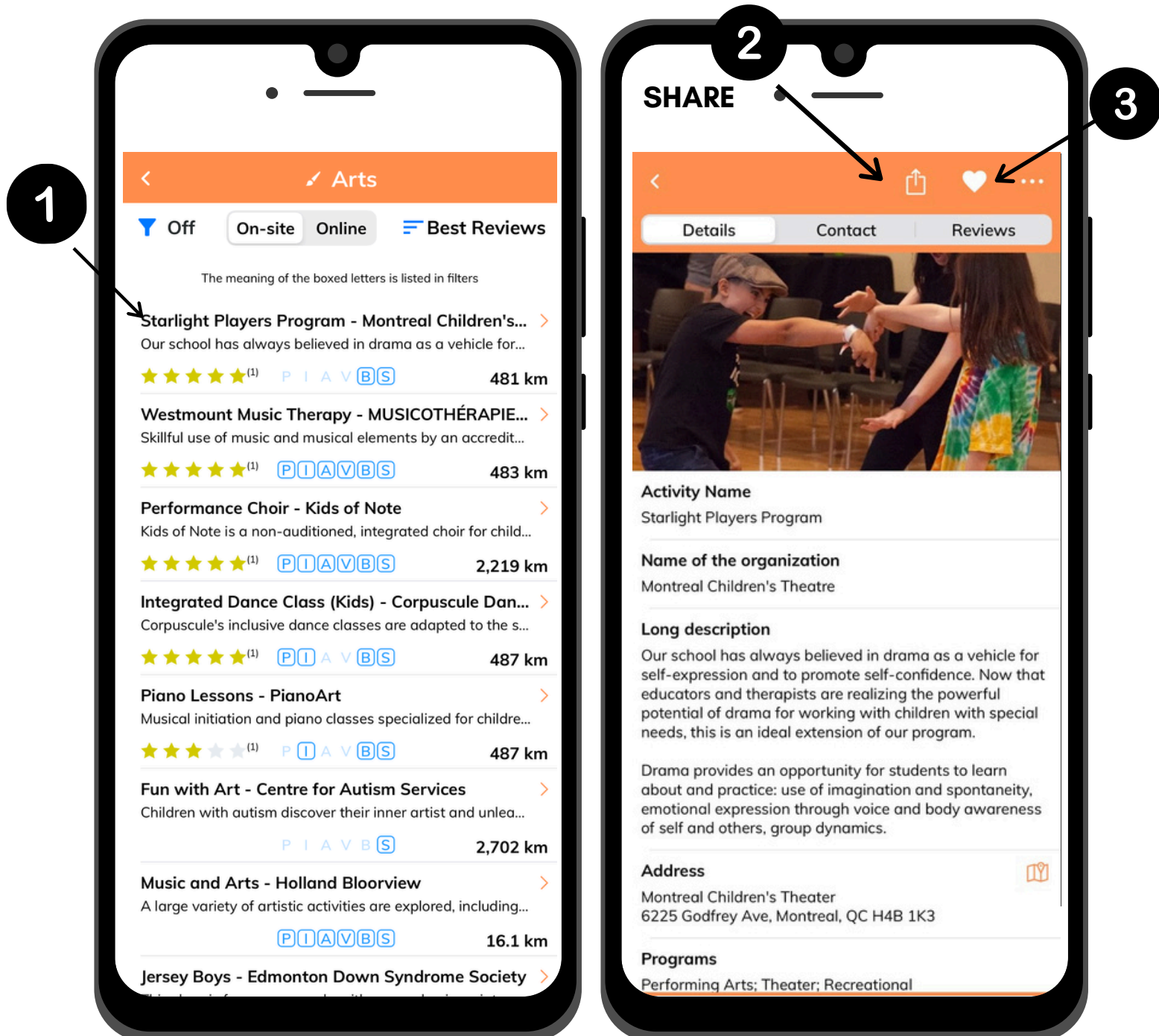


SHARE AND ADD TO YOUR FAVOURITES

You can now share the activities to others and like your favourite activity

1. Click on the activity of your choice
2. To **share**, click on the top right of the screen on the "Share" icon
3. To **favourite**, click on the heart so you can easily access it in your favourites folder

FAVOURITE



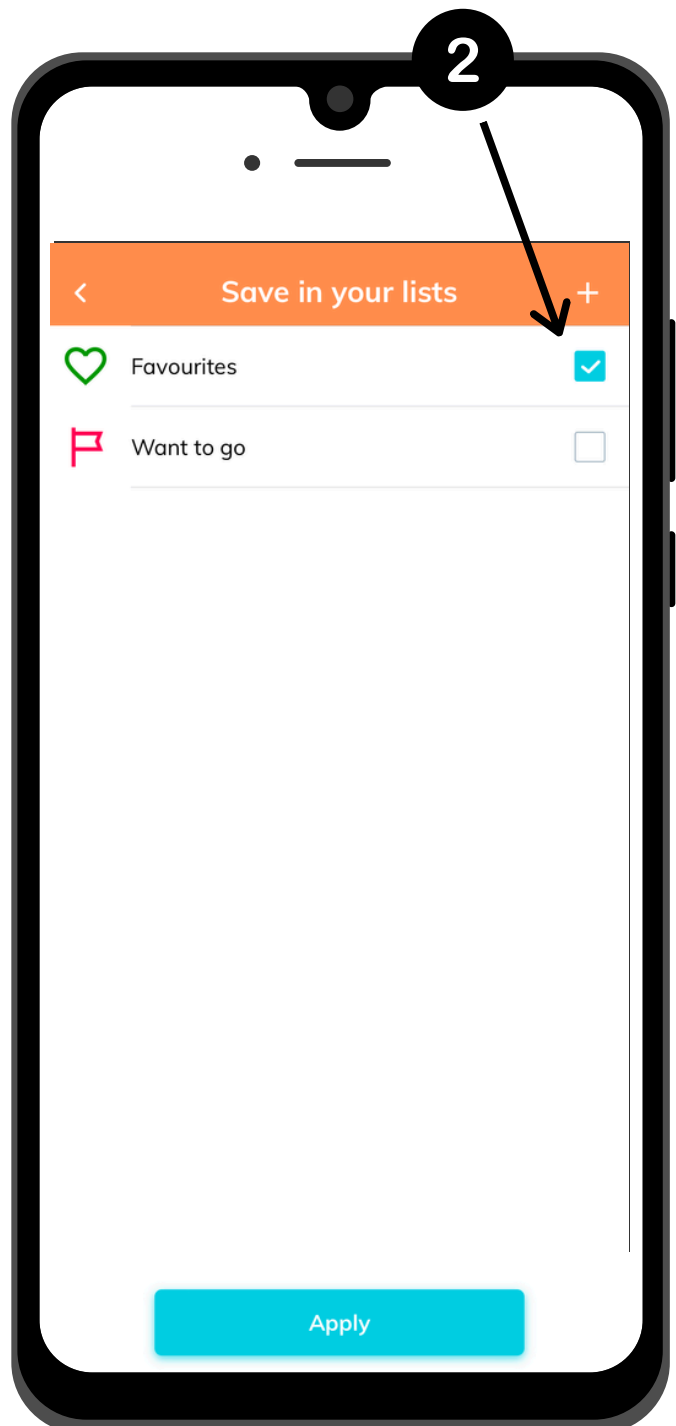
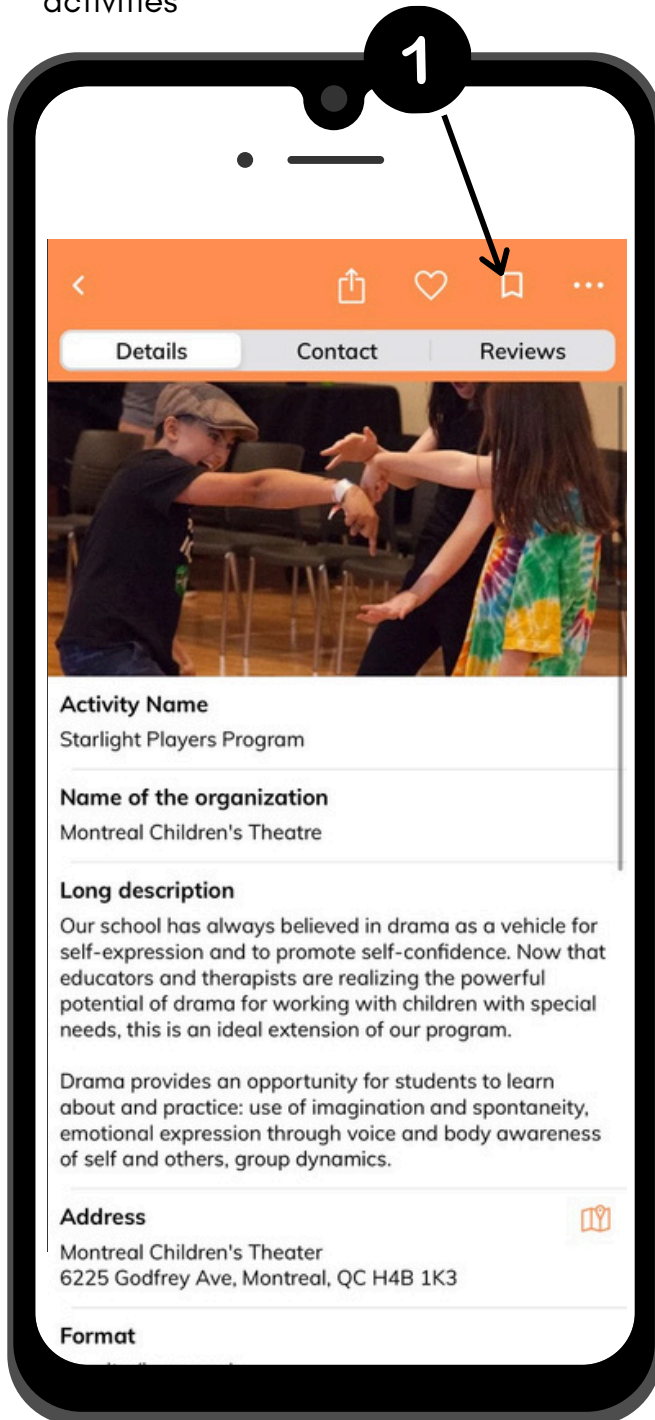
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SAVED FOLDER

To add the activities in the bookmarked folder

1. Click on the activity of your choice
2. Tap on the "Bookmark" icon
3. Choose the folder you want the activity to be saved in to create a list of your favourite activities



KNOW OF A GREAT INCLUSIVE ACTIVITY? LET US KNOW!



SUGGEST A NEW ACTIVITY

Add your organizations on the Jooay App!

1. Click "Suggest a New Activity" on the bottom of the screen
2. Fill in the form with the information of the activity

--> We will review it and notify you as soon as the activity is added to Jooay!

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Jooay

Arts

Camps

Sports

Others

Favourites

Review Activities

Suggest a new activity

Suggest a new activity

You can suggest an activity you know of to be included at Jooay. We will review it and you will be notified as soon as it is posted.

Picture

Category
Select one answer

Activity Name
Short answer text

Name of the organization
Short answer text

Description
Describe the program in 4-5 sentences

Address
Search for an address

Format
Select one answer

January is Braille Literacy Month

Jooay is here to raise awareness and celebrate the significant contributions that Braille brings to many in our community!



If you have any suggestions for our newsletter please let us know!

contact: jooay@childhooddisability.ca

SOCIAL MEDIA

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