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Image Description: Faded into the background is an arial photo of the Lawrence Aquatic Center. in the foreground is an overlaid photo of three young children of various races and genders, in pool water with their arms around each other's shoulders, smiling at the camera. Text reads: Focus Group Participant Opportunity, Lawrence Aquatic Center Renovation Project.

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Independence, Inc. is in the process of developing a focus group for people with disabilities, to gather, brainstorm and provide input on the redesign and renovation of the City of Lawrence Outdoor Aquatic Center.

In keeping with our mission to maximize the independence of people with disabilities through advocacy, peer support, training, transportation and community education, we feel that a focus group can be a valuable way to lend our voices, our knowledge and our lived experiences to the shaping of such an integral part of the community as the Aquatic Center.

It is not the norm for individuals, communities as a whole, or organizations and developers to purposely create barriers to equal access for people with disabilities. But people don't know what they don't know, and often don't know what questions to even ask. As a service provider for people with disabilities it's our job to ask questions and seek input from the experts in disability accommodations and access - YOU!

If you are interested in participating in this process - an historical process you might say, as the aquatic center hasn't had a renovation in 3 decades (to put that in perspective, that's on a few years post-signing of the American's with Disabilities Act!) - **please contact Daniel Brown, Independence, Inc. Core Services Manager at dbrown@independenceinc.org or 785-841-0333 ext. 121**

For Information on the City of Lawrence Outdoor Aquatic Center Renovation Project, visit the City of Lawrence website:

https://lawrenceks.org/community-engagement/outdoor-aquatic-center-renovation-project/