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Surfside Beach in S.C. has officially become the first autism-friendly travel destination in the U.S.

The Business Committee has developed a plan for families affected by autism to experience a safe and enjoyable vacation at The Family Beach.

- Surfside Beach and the Champion Autism Network (CAN) have introduced the CAN card
- The card offers a way for families to subtly let participating attractions, restaurants, hotels and resorts know that they are in an autism family to ensure service and support.
- Participating businesses are trained to accommodate special needs

For more information on CAN, Surfside Beach, and how to request a CAN card, visit [www.championautismnetwork.com](http://www.championautismnetwork.com)

### Did you know?

N.C. now has a “Everybody Works Campaign”. It was launched to increase awareness of the untapped pool of talent found in the N.C. disability community. On the website : [www.nccdd.org](http://www.nccdd.org), there are three options to choose from: one is for employers looking to hire people with disabilities, one for people with disabilities looking for employment, and one for information about the campaign. 1 out of 3 employers report that people with disabilities stay longer, people with disabilities are rated equally or more productive than coworkers, and people with disabilities achieve equal or better job performance ratings. The hope is that this program will help both people looking for employment and the businesses that need good employees.