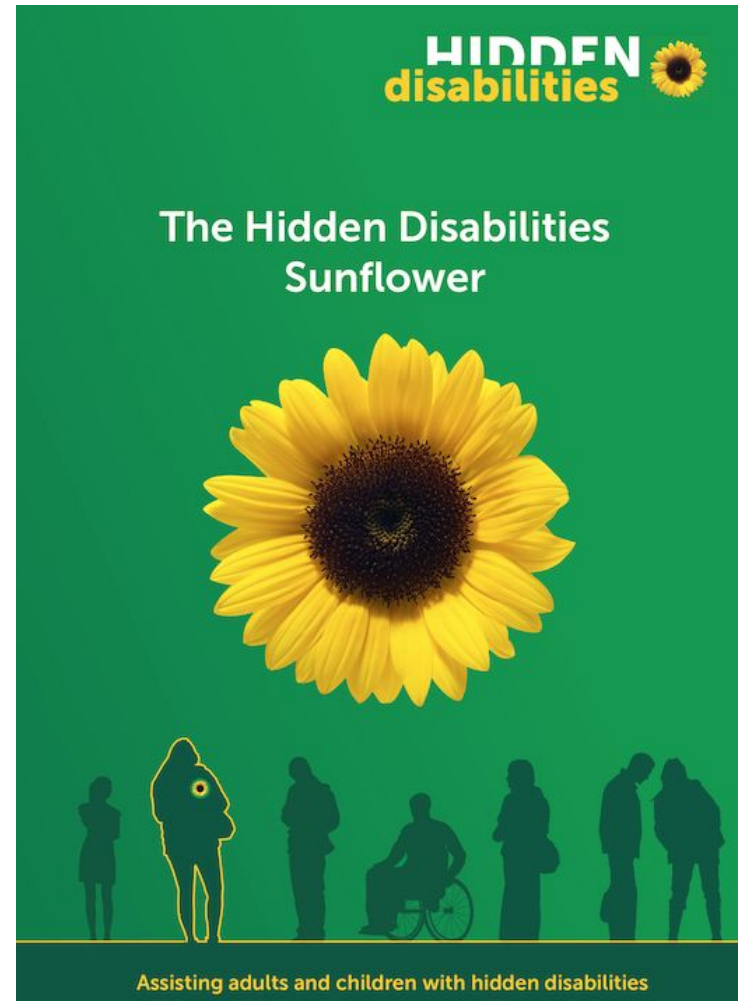


SOCIAL STORY

What is the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program?



A hidden disability is a disability that may not be immediately obvious to others, such as autism, dementia, anxiety or Parkinson's.



Wearing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower discreetly indicates to the people around you that you may need additional support, help or a little more time.



You can pick up a free Sunflower product at the Visit Visalia office.

Visit Visalia has a Sunflower box and their staff can provide more information about the program.



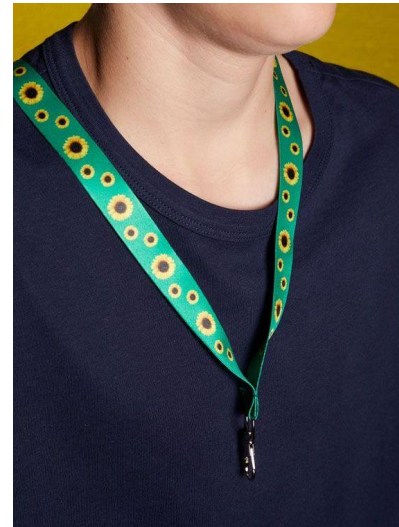
The Visit Visalia office has 4 different Sunflower products to choose from.



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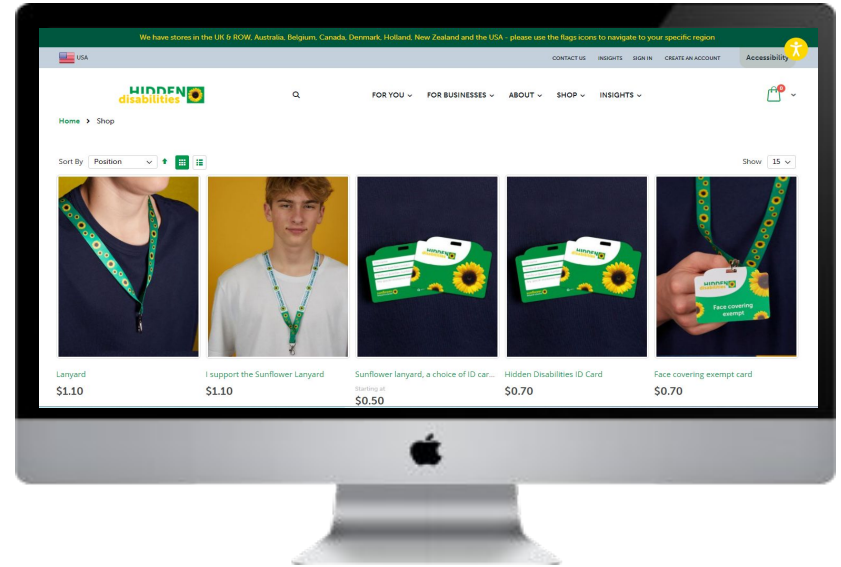
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If you would like to get your Hidden Disability Sunflower product before you arrive in Visalia, you can order it online directly from the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower US website.

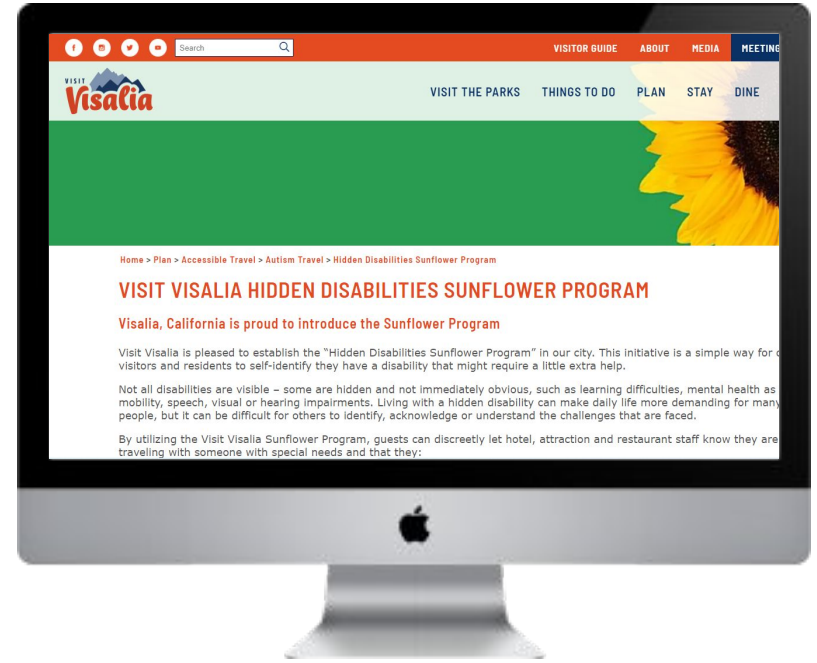
<https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/us/shop.html>



To learn more about the Sunflower Program in Visalia, go to [visitvisalia.com](https://www.visitvisalia.com) and click on the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program webpage.

This page lists all the businesses in Visalia that support the program.

<https://www.visitvisalia.com/hidden-disabilities-sunflower-program>



If you see a business with a Sunflower sticker in their window it means that their staff are trained to recognize and help those wearing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower.



By utilizing the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program, you can discreetly let hotel, attraction and restaurant staff know that you or someone you are traveling with has a hidden disability.

Additional accommodations may include:

- Expedited hotel check-in or restaurant seating when possible
- Consideration for a specific seating request
- Quick checkout if the need to leave arises
- Allowing outside food or accommodating a special request for the individual on the spectrum
- Understanding that the person may be non-verbal, have difficulty sitting still and making eye contact



To learn more about the Sunflower Program, we can watch the below video.

<https://youtu.be/09V-l4KhXSk>

