

Child Care Inclusion Resources ~ Fact Sheet

Mission: Child Care Inclusion Resources (Inclusion Resources) operates on the belief that all children learn and grow in a group of peers with a wide range of capabilities and interests. Our mission is to promote the values that embrace the inclusion of all children.

Purpose: Inclusion Resources is a multi-faceted program that assists families caring for children with developmental disabilities in securing and maintaining inclusive child care programming. While the child with a disability attends a child care program, Inclusion Resources strives to meet the following goals:

- Empower and educate child care providers on inclusion so the child with a disability has the same opportunities as children without disabilities.
- Assist with establishing a child care environment that is supportive of helping the child with a disability develop friendships.

Level of Support: Once enrolled into our program, every family and their child are assigned an Inclusion Consultant and receive either Consultative or On-Site Support.

- **Consultative Support:** Inclusion Consultants give child care providers on-going support through observations, problem solving, periodic check-ins and advice aimed at enhancing each provider's ability to include a specific child. They remain committed to helping the child care program work through any challenges relating to inclusion which may arise and are only a phone call away.
- **On-Site Support:** When needed and determined by a full assessment, an Inclusion Consultant may recommend additional assistance than what is provided through our Consultative Support. Once the determination to provide On-Site Support has been made, Inclusion Resources hires and trains a staff person to work within a particular child's child care program. Under direction from the Inclusion Consultant, the staff person assists child care providers with gaining the skills and knowledge needed to fully include the child. Once those skills are achieved and the child is consistently included, the amount of support is then reassessed and changed accordingly. Though most situations do not require On-Site Support, there may be a waiting list for this level of support.

Optional Services Available Upon Request:

- **Public Education and Workshops:** Inclusion Resources is committed to providing child care professionals with the knowledge necessary to manage a successful inclusive program. We offer public education to both adults and children on a variety of subjects related to inclusion, friendship development or developmental disabilities. A reasonable fee may be associated with some workshops.
- **Resource and Referral:** Information is available on other services for children with developmental disabilities and their families. In addition, we have a small library of books on a wide range of topics suitable for all ages.

Who is eligible? Inclusion Resources typically serves children between the ages of 2-13 in child care centers, in-home programs, afterschool programs, summer camps and youth centers. Eligibility is conducted by the Program Director and all children need to meet the eligibility requirements set forth by Dane County Department of Human Services.

Fees: Services from Inclusion Resources are free to families and child care programs with the exception of some workshops. Any cost associated with the child care program is the responsibility of the child's family.

Please contact the Program Director, Ginger Schwahn, at 273-3318 for more information or if you are interested in obtaining services.



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