

**If You Have Any
Questions or
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Information**

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Birth to Three Early
Intervention System
Child Development Watch
[http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/
dph/chs/chscdw.html](http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/chs/chscdw.html)
New Castle County
(302) 995-8617
Kent/Sussex County
(800) 874-2070
*Resource for early
intervention services in
Delaware*

OR

Parent Information Center of
Delaware, (888) 547-4412
www.picofdel.org
*Resource for families to learn
their rights and how to
advocate for early
intervention or special
education services*

OR

Delaware Department of
Education
[www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/
students_family/specialed/
default.shtml](http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/students_family/specialed/default.shtml)
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*Did you
know that*

**ALL
CHILDREN
BENEFIT
from
INCLUSION
of
CHILDREN
with
disabilities**



Inclusion is about ALL CHILDREN

Families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs must know that the world is ready to meet the needs of their children.

Research has shown : **Including children with disabilities in the same activities and educational settings as their typically developing peers benefits ALL children.**



All parents dream big dreams for their children. Inclusion helps parents achieve these dreams.

The rights of children with disabilities are

protected and in place to ensure access to their communities through:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA)
- Section 504—Rehabilitation Act

Families must be confident in knowing that their children have the right to participate in their world—not separate or apart from other children.

What is Inclusion?

Inclusion is based on the simple idea that every child and family is valued equally and deserves the same opportunities and experiences.

Children with disabilities are included as part of their community by participating in athletic programs, cultural arts programs, library activities such as story time and simply going to the mall or playing on the playground.

Inclusion Benefits ALL Children!

Children with and without disabilities become skilled at:

- Experiencing positive social interactions
- Making new friends
- Having pride in their achievements
- Using good language and communication skills
- Solving problems creatively
- Developing patience and compassion
- Understanding and accepting their own and others' strengths and gifts
- Helping others



Inclusion sets a child on a path for success that will carry through to adulthood.

Inclusion is quality

Community programs and educational settings which are high quality know how to meet the needs of children with disabilities along with those of other children.

High quality programs employ practitioners who:

- Develop an awareness that all children have unique needs which expands their understanding of how best to meet those needs.
- Realize and appreciate these differences, ultimately enhancing their compassion, kindness and respect for others.
- Partner with parents to ensure that parent understanding and parent expertise about their child are both part of creating a successful program.

Resource:

Guide to Promoting Inclusion in Early Care and Education

<http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dms/epqc/birth3/files/growingtogether.pdf>

