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Program Policies and Administration 1. Enrollment and Outreach	Recognizes and embraces the importance and significance of the Americans with Disabilities Act as related to ECE programs.	Extends a welcoming attitude to families with children having special needs who choose your program.	Identifies program as inclusive to R&R agency (Children’s Home Society) and community registries (Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council)	Actively markets the fully inclusive ECE program, highlighting the mission, policies, and procedures.
Program Policies and Administration 2. Policies and Procedures	Learns about components of an inclusive program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission statement • Written policies and procedures • Children’s & parents’ rights • Legal requirements 	Implements components of inclusive programs into written format (i.e., development of program handbook encouraging enrollment of children with special needs).	Provides training to staff and parents on program policies and procedures.	Regularly reviews and updates policies and procedures related to children with special needs; engages families in evaluating the effectiveness of the program’s inclusive policies and procedures.

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Program Policies and Administration 1. Enrollment and Outreach 2. Policies and Procedures	<p>Early Childhood Inclusion: A Joint Position Statement of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC): <i>The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute</i></p> <p>An Administrator’s Guide to Preschool Inclusion by Ruth Ashworth Wolery and Samuel L. Odom, Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion <i>Posted: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute</i></p> <p>Know the Law About Disabilities and “Challenging Behaviors” in California Child Care Programs: <i>The Child Care Law Center</i></p>	<p>Mission Statement Samples:</p> <p>Public education: Sample Inclusion Mission Statement for a Public School Board of Education</p> <p>Family child care provider: Miss Julie’s Preschool and Child Care</p> <p>Private preschool provider: A Child’s Place Learning Center, Inc. Inclusion Policy Handbook</p> <p>Policy Statement Sample: Rockford Public Schools, Rockford MI</p> <p>Policies and Procedure/Parent Handbook Sample: UCI Child Care Services</p>	<p>Steps to Take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train your staff on your inclusive policies and procedures/parent handbook <p>Sample: A Child’s Place Parent Handbook and Staff Orientation</p>	<p>Inclusion Checklist for Programs: Kids Included Together</p> <p>Quality Indicators for Inclusive Preschool Programs - All of Us Together, WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention</p>

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Program Policies and Administration 3. Collaboration with Disability Services	Learns about disability systems, referrals, and services; including IFSPs/IEPs/medical plans.	Accesses and reviews individual IFSP/IEPs, and works with service providers to identify adaptations and accommodations to program as needed.	Supports integration of IFSP/IEP specified services on-site and/or develops routine communication with off-site service providers.	Facilitates staff and family contributions to team planning (such as IFSP, IEP, and/or medical team meetings) to continually meet the needs of the individual child.

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<p>Program Policies and Administration</p> <p>3. Collaboration with Disability Services</p>	<p>Attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEP Rights and Strategies Workshop • Basic Rights Workshop <p>Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK) Online Training Calendar.</p> <p>Attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving on at 3 Workshop <p>Comfort Connection Family Resource Center. Call 714-558-5400 for schedule</p> <p>Attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Start OC. Online Training Calendar. <p>To understand how children are assessed and how to access early intervention services: How to Get a Child Tested: <i>California Childcare Health Program</i></p> <p>10 Basic Steps in Special Education: <i>Center for Parent Information and Resources, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs</i></p>	<p>Steps to Take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain permission from parent to contact service providers to make appropriate adaptations in your program. • Collaborate with service provider, classroom teachers, program administrator and parents. <p>Sample Authorization Form: A Child's Place Learning Center, Inc. Inclusion Policy Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorization for the Release of Information <p>CARA's Kit: Creating Adaptations for Routines and Activities</p> <p>To view, visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Irvine Child Resource Center (CRC) • Comfort Connection Family Resource Center <p>To purchase: http://www.naeyc.org/store/node/666</p>	<p>A Child's Place Learning Center, Inc. Inclusion Policy Handbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Importance of Multi-Agency Partnerships at A Child's Place Learning Center, Inc. • Expectations of the Inclusion Facilitators While at ACP • Rules and Responsibilities for Outside Agency Staff • Dress Code 	<p>Role of the Child Care Provider in the Individualized Family Service Plan Process or Individualized Education Program Process: <i>Adapted from Role of the Primary Caregiver or Home Visitor in the Individualized Family Service Plan Meeting CIHS/Sonoma State University-2005</i></p> <p>Inclusion Works!: Creating Child Care Programs That Promote Belonging for Children with Special Needs: See Chapter 5. <i>Ca. Dept. of Education.</i></p> <p>IEP Preparation Video: From the Head Start Center on Inclusion. <i>Posted by the Professional Development Program, Rockefeller College, Universities at Albany, State University of New York</i></p>

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<p>Teachers and Caregivers: Inclusive Care & Learning Environments</p> <p>1. Physical Environment & Daily Routines</p>	<p>Understands that a high quality early learning environment should reflect the individual needs of all children.</p>	<p>Partners with the family to discuss observations, and explores options for adaptations and accommodations to routines, materials, and the environment to meet the individual needs of the child.</p> <p>Partners with director to utilize a standardized tool for assessing classroom readiness to meet the needs of all children.</p>	<p>Consults with specialists and family to implement adaptations of routines, materials, and/or environment that are specifically designed to meet unique needs, specified in the child's IFSP/IEP/Medical plan.</p>	<p>Regularly makes adjustments to the environment and routines based upon observation and input from family and disability specialists.</p>

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<p>Teachers and Caregivers: Inclusive Care & Learning Environments</p> <p>2. Activities & Experiences</p>	<p>Accepts Universal Design for Learning principles and understands that all children should be accepted, supported and included in classroom activities and experiences.</p>	<p>Understands the unique strengths and needs of the child, so that activities and experiences include adaptations that support the range of developmental abilities in the classroom.</p>	<p>Consults with family and specialists, developing specific adaptations of activities and experiences that are designed to meet the child's unique needs, as specified in the child's IFSP/IEP/medical plan.</p>	<p>Partners with specialists so that interventions provided by the specialist occur within the context of regular classroom activities (e.g., co-planning and/or co-teaching for select periods).</p>

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<p>Teachers and Caregivers: Inclusive Care & Learning Environments</p> <p>2. Activities & Experiences</p>	<p>The Universal Design of Early Education, Moving Forward for all Children: NAEYC, <i>Beyond the Journal</i> Sept. 2006</p> <p>Universal Design for Learning Guidelines: National Center on Universal Design for Learning AT CAST</p> <p>Attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Start OC Online training calendar: 	<p>Tips for Early Care and Education Providers: Simple Concepts to Embed in Everyday Routines: Administration for Children and Families</p>	<p>While it is important to understand the basics of making accommodations and adaptations in your classroom, it is imperative to consult and collaborate with specialists and families to individualize for the specific child.</p> <p>See the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the Playability of Toys and Play Materials CARA's Kit: Creating Adaptations for Routines and Activities (See Program Policies and Administration, 3. Collaboration with disability services, b. Implementing of this document) IEP Preparation Video: From the Head Start Center on Inclusion. Posted by the Professional Development Program, Rockefeller College, Universities at Albany, State University of New York 	<p>ZACA Center: Integrated Therapy and Infusing Goals: Seeds of Partnership, Santa Barbara County Education Office</p>

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Training, Tools, and Additional Resources for Inclusive Practices

- Orange County Department of Education, Special Education Services, Early Childhood webpage: www.ocde.us/EarlyEducation/Pages/default.aspx
- Comfort Connection Library at the Regional Center of Orange County: <http://www.rcocdd.com/frc/ccfrc/>
- TASK trainings in Orange County <http://www.taskca.org/workshops.html>
- Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council webpage list of inclusive programs: <http://www.occhildcarecouncil.org/Pages/Child-Care-Listing-for-Children-with-Special-Needs.aspx>
- Contact Early Learning Specialist at local school district for assistance in understanding district special education screening and services.
- Infant/Toddler & Preschool Learning Foundations and Frameworks: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/itfoundations.asp>
- California MAP to Inclusion and Belonging website (WestEd): <http://cainclusion.org/camap>
- Child Care Law Center: <http://childcarelaw.org>
- Foundations of Inclusion Training Curriculum: <http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/instructor-community/module-1/Training-Module-on-Early-Childhood-Inclusion>
- Early Childhood Education Competencies, Special Needs and Inclusion: <http://ececompsat.org/competencies/sni/sni.html>
- Special Quest <http://www.specialquest.org/>





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- ICP – Inclusive Classroom Profile: <http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/measuring-quality-inclusion-inclusive-classroom-profile>
- Inclusion Works! <http://cainclusion.org/camap/inclusionworks.html>
- Building Inclusive Child Care <http://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/221/15.html>
- Joint position statement from NAEYC/DEC: http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/DEC_NAEYC_EC_updatedKS.pdf
- Universal Design for Learning Checklists: <http://cast.org/>
- Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part C and Part B regulations: <http://idea.ed.gov>
- Super Duper Publications: Fun Learning Materials for Kids <http://www.superduperinc.com/Handouts/Handout.aspx>

