

Inclusive Practices for Children With Disabilities or Delays



The Inclusive Practices for Children With Disabilities or Delays module series provides information, resources, and guidance on how to (1) describe elements of inclusive practices, (2) build responsive partnerships with families and specialists, (3) advocate for the rights and unique developmental and learning needs of children with disabilities or delays, (4) participate in the individualized planning process, and (5) create intentionally inclusive environments and experiences. You will examine your own values and perspectives about diverse abilities and inclusive practices as you explore each topic.

Consider this module series if you have the following interests:

- Examining your own values and perspectives about diverse abilities and inclusive practices
- Exploring elements of inclusive practices in early learning and care settings
- Understanding your role in promoting the legal rights of children with disabilities or delays
- Engaging more effectively in collaborative partnerships with families and specialists to support children's individual needs
- Using universal design concepts to make early learning and care environments and experiences more inclusive and welcoming

Why This Module Series Is Unique

- Explains disability-related information and laws in understandable ways.
- Includes real-life examples of family, early learning and care provider, and specialist perspectives.
- Offers helpful approaches and strategies that you can use right away.

Inclusive Practices for Children With Disabilities or Delays

The six modules in this series offer opportunities for self-reflection and practical strategies to strengthen your inclusive practices and collaborative partnerships. These reflections and strategies will also help you create a sense of authentic belonging in your early learning and care setting. Module 6 is split into two sub-modules—Module 6a and Module 6b—so that you can select the one that applies to your setting (home-based or center-based).

Here is a sample of what you will find in these modules:

Module 1: What Does It Mean to Be Inclusive?

(1 hour)

Explores why inclusive practices are important for children's development and learning. Examines ways to create a sense of authentic belonging for all children.

Module 2: Responsive Partnerships With Families

(1 hour)

Explores the benefits of building responsive partnerships with families, elements of successful partnerships, and considerations for having sensitive conversations with families.

Module 3: Legal Rights, Requirements, and Responsibilities (1 hour)

Examines the rights of children with disabilities and their families under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Describes the legal rules of the ADA and IDEA and the early learning and care provider's role in promoting the legal rights of children with disabilities or delays.

Module 4: Developing Individualized Plans

(1 hour)

Addresses what happens after a child is evaluated and qualifies for early intervention or special education services. Explores the process of creating an individualized plan and your role in the process.

Module 5: Collaborating With Families and Specialists (2 hours)

Examines the purpose of collaboration to support individual children's development, learning, and needs. Offers communication strategies that will help you work together with families and specialists.

Module 6a: Creating Inclusive Environments and Experiences (Center-Based) (2 hours)

Explores strategies for creating more inclusive and welcoming center-based environments and experiences for all children. Includes ways to create opportunities for all children to play and learn as well as simple adaptations and modifications based on children's strengths, interests, and needs.

Module 6b: Creating Inclusive Environments and Experiences (Home-Based) (2 hours)

Explores strategies for creating more inclusive and welcoming home-based environments and experiences for all children. Includes ways to create opportunities for all children to play and learn as well as simple adaptations and modifications based on children's strengths, interests, and needs.



This module series is available at no cost. To enroll, create a free account on [California Early Childhood Online](#).