Inclusion Fusion

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Introduction

- Presenter
- Pre-Training Knowledge Measure
- Back Home Plan
Learning Objectives

• Use “People First” language to ensure positive, inclusive environments that respect all individuals

• Discuss the in’s and out’s of IDEA and ADA
Learning Objectives
(continued)

- Understand the significance of successful communication with families and why it is so important
- Learn common modifications to support universal design and individualization for inclusive group care
“Sometimes I wish people would talk to me first, before they ask what’s wrong with me or what happened to me. It makes me feel as though my wheelchair is more important than I am.”

Jade Calegory: 1987 Easter Seal Acting Scholarship Winner
Benefits Brainstorm

What are the benefits of inclusion for:

- Children with disabilities or special needs
- Children who are typically developing
- Parents and family members
- Teachers and caregivers
- The community
Alphabet Soup

- IDEA
  - Part B
  - Part C
- ADA

The only disability is having no relationships ~ Judith Snow
Confidentiality

- The handling of knowledge that is privileged and confidential
Aspects of Confidentiality Activity

- Trust
- Ethics
- Legalities
Open Doors and Open Hearts

Access for children with disabilities to the world of child care involves opening our hearts as well as our doors.

Project EXCEPTIONAL ❤️
Universal Design vs. Individualization

- Universal design is borrowed from the movement in architecture to design buildings and products that accommodate a variety of users, including those with disabilities.

- Individualization is when you make adaptations to materials to meet the needs of one individual.
Inclusive Group Care

- Learning styles
- Absence of barriers
- Child-focused

There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

Graham Greene
Common Modifications

- Environmental support
- Material adaptation
- Activity simplification
- Child preferences
- Special equipment
- Adult support
- Invisible support
Classroom Design
Summary
Resources

- Able Play: Play products for children with special needs – [www.ableplay.org](http://www.ableplay.org)
- Disability is Natural - [www.disabilityisnatural.com](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com)
- Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) – [www.pitc.org/pub](http://www.pitc.org/pub)
Conclusion

- Back Home Plan
- Evaluation
THANK YOU!

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