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| **RESEARCH / EVIDENCE RESOURCES** 🕮 | **Children with Disabilities: State-Level Data from the American Community Survey (0-9)**  [**http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2012-29ChildDisabilities.pdf**](http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/2012-29ChildDisabilities.pdf)  *This 2012 research brief from Child Trends provides data on the number and percentage of children identified as having a disability in the U.S., and for each of the states. It also presents information on the percentage of children with a disability living in poverty and data on health insurance status.*  **Commonly Asked Questions About Child Care Centers and the Americans with Disabilities Act (0-5)**  [**http://www.ada.gov/childqanda.htm**](http://www.ada.gov/childqanda.htm)  *The Department of Justice developed these questions and answers on serving children with disabilities in child care programs.*  **Considerations for Developing State Policy and Guidance on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs (0-5)**  [**http://fpg.unc.edu/sites/fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/reports-and-policy-briefs/considerations-state-policies.pdf**](http://fpg.unc.edu/sites/fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/reports-and-policy-briefs/considerations-state-policies.pdf)  *This resource is intended as a tool for states to develop policy/guidance to implement high-quality inclusive practices across early care and education programs. States should carefully examine current practices to determine what policy/guidance needs to be in place to improve the opportunities for high-quality inclusion across early care and education programs. States may choose to use all the areas to guide policy/guidance development, or select one or more specific areas to address.*  **Continuity and Change From Full-Inclusion Early Childhood Programs Through the Early Elementary Period (3-8)**  [**https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2947029/**](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2947029/)  *Children with mild developmental delays who were initially enrolled in full-inclusion preschool or kindergarten programs were followed for 3 years. Changes in the type of inclusive placements as children transitioned to first and second grades were monitored, and associations between placement type and child and family characteristics were examined. Results revealed a high level of continuity in that most children remained in partial or full inclusion settings over time. However, a substantial reduction in full-inclusion placements occurred between the 2nd and 3rd year when children were completing the transition to first and second grades. Placements in less inclusive settings were associated with children’s levels of cognitive and language development. The authors posit that placement in full-inclusion programs in the early childhood years creates a momentum to continue maximum participation in inclusive settings over time.*  **Dear Colleague Letter and Resource Guide on Students with ADHD (3-21)**  [**http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201607-504-adhd.pdf**](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201607-504-adhd.pdf)  *The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) recently issued guidance clarifying the obligation of schools to provide students with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) with equal educational opportunity under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The new guidance provides a broad overview of Section 504 and school districts' obligations to provide educational services to students with disabilities, including students with ADHD. Additional resources are also provided.*  **Dear Colleague Letter - Preschool Least Restrictive Environments (LRE) (3-5)**  [**https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/preschool-lre-dcl-1-10-17.pdf**](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/preschool-lre-dcl-1-10-17.pdf)  *The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) released this letter in January 2017 to provide updated guidance and clarification on: Key Statutory and Regulatory Requirements, Preschool Placement Options, Reporting Educational Environ-ments Data for Preschool Children with Disabilities, and Use of IDEA Part B Funds for Preschool Children with Disabilities. It reaffirms OSEP's position that all young children with disabilities should have access to inclusive high-quality early childhood programs where they are provided with individualized and appropriate supports to enable them to meet high expectations.*  **DEC Recommended Practices in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education 2014** **(0-8)**  [**http://ectacenter.org/decrp/decrp.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/decrp/decrp.asp)  *The DEC Recommended Practices were developed to provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of young children, birth through 5, who have or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities. The purpose of this document is to help bridge the gap between research and practice by highlighting practices that result in better outcomes for young children with disabilities.* |

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| **RESEARCH / EVIDENCE RESOURCES** 🕮 | | | **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) (0-8)**  [**http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/resources/articles/Early\_Childhood\_Inclusion**](http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/resources/articles/Early_Childhood_Inclusion)  *The position statement contains a definition of early childhood inclusion and provides recommendations for families and professionals for improving early childhood services and policies with regards to inclusion.*  **Early Childhood Inclusion: Challenges and Strategies from the 2014 Preschool Inclusion Survey (3-5)**  [**https://elc.grads360.org/services/PDCService.svc/GetPDCDocumentFile?fileId=9652**](https://elc.grads360.org/services/PDCService.svc/GetPDCDocumentFile?fileId=9652)  *The 2014 Preschool Inclusion Survey, results of which are summarized in this document, affirmed that: 1) children with disabili-ties can be effectively educated in inclusive programs that use specialized instruction; 2) Inclusion benefits all children, both with and without disabilities; 3) families of all children generally have positive views of inclusion; 4) inclusion is not more expen-sive than separate instruction; and 5) children with disabilities do not need to be “ready” for enrollment in inclusive programs.*  **Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder ()**  [**http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/evidence-based-practices**](http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/evidence-based-practices)  *While many interventions exist for autism spectrum disorder, scientific research has found only some of these interventions to be effective. The interventions that researchers have shown to be effective are called evidence-based practices (EBPs). This website is a source for information about evidence-based practices, including an overview and general description, instructions for implementation, an implementation checklist, and, often, a video example.*  **Fact Sheet of Research on Preschool Inclusion (3-5)**  [**http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/research/Research\_Supporting\_Preschool\_Inclusion\_R.pdf**](http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/research/Research_Supporting_Preschool_Inclusion_R.pdf)  *This 6-page handout presents 11 evidence-based facts that support inclusive practices in the preschool.*  **Identification of and Intervention with Challenging Behavior** **(0-5)**  [**https://media.wix.com/ugd/e37417\_53702efbaac841229c8cb565025f4ea9.pdf**](https://media.wix.com/ugd/e37417_53702efbaac841229c8cb565025f4ea9.pdf)  *This 2007 position statement from the Division for Early Childhood emphasizes the importance of early identification of children with serious challenging behavior, the importance of partnerships among families and all relevant professionals, and the use of comprehensive assessment approaches.*  **The Importance of Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families** **(0-3)**  [**http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/importanceofearlyintervention.pdf**](http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/importanceofearlyintervention.pdf)  *Prepared by the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, this document provides a brief explanation for the importance of early intervention in young children with disabilities and their families.*  **Including Children with Disabilities in State Pre-K Programs (3-5)**  [**http://www.edlawcenter.org/assets/files/pdfs/publications/PreKPolicyBrief\_InclusionChildrenWithDisabilities.pdf**](http://www.edlawcenter.org/assets/files/pdfs/publications/PreKPolicyBrief_InclusionChildrenWithDisabilities.pdf)  *This policy brief provides an overview of the law and sets forth a list of policy recommendations that can help ensure that children with disabilities receive an appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.*  [**Inclusion for Preschool Children with Disabilities: What We Know and Should Be Doing**](file:///\\ad.unc.edu\fpg\Projects\Catlett\Personal\Presentations\DEC\February%202016%20webinar\Inclusion%20for%20Preschool%20Children%20with%20Disabilities:%20What%20We%20Know%20and%20Should%20Be%20oing)**(3-5)**  [**http://www.eclre.org/media/88372/strain\_what\_we\_know\_.pdf**](http://www.eclre.org/media/88372/strain_what_we_know_.pdf)  *This brief summarizes what we know and what we should be doing to support high quality inclusion.*  **The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** [**http://ectacenter.org/idea/idea.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/idea/idea.asp) **(0-21)**  *This webpage by the Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center contains links to information and resources about the IDEA. These include links to information about federal statutes and regulations as well as summaries of the IDEA 2004.*  **Local District Preschool Inclusion Self-Assessment (3-5)**  [**http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/local-inclusion-self-assessment.pdf**](http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/local-inclusion-self-assessment.pdf)  *This self-assessment tool provides a framework for discussion to promote partnerships among schools, early care and education professionals, and families to promote the inclusion of young children with disabilities s in early childhood programs. Results can be used to identify and prioritize changes that will support greater quality.*  **People First Language** [**https://www.disabilityisnatural.com/people-first-language.html**](https://www.disabilityisnatural.com/people-first-language.html) **(all)**  *Kathie Snow’s explanation of the many reasons for putting the person before the disability is a classic resource.* | | |
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| **RESEARCH / EVIDENCE RESOURCES** 🕮 | | | **Policy Statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs (0-5)**  [**https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/earlylearning/joint-statement-full-text.pdf**](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/earlylearning/joint-statement-full-text.pdf)  *This September 2015 policy statement was developed to set a vision and provide recommendations to States, local educational agencies (LEAs), schools, and public and private early childhood programs, from the U.S. Departments of Education (ED) and Health and Human Services (HHS), for increasing the inclusion of infants, toddlers, and preschool children with disabilities in high-quality early childhood programs. The document provides a concise summary of the status of, challenges to, and opportunities for inclusion.*  **Preschool Inclusion: Key Findings from Research and Implications for Policy (3-5)**  [**http://www.nccp.org/publications/pub\_1154.html**](http://www.nccp.org/publications/pub_1154.html)  *This report highlights research on preschool inclusion in three areas: effects of inclusive preschool on children's early learning and development, the quality of inclusive preschool programs, and how to improve the quality of inclusive preschool. The report also presents recommendations for policies that are supported by research including policies related to the funding of early care and education programs, states' professional development systems, and investments in gathering critical information about inclusive preschool programs for ongoing monitoring and quality improvement*.  **Promoting Positive Outcomes for Children with Disabilities: Recommendations for Curriculum, Assessment, and Program Evaluation (0-8)**  [**https://tinyurl.com/yb4cd7gw**](https://tinyurl.com/yb4cd7gw)  *This 2007 position statement from the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) was created to serve as a companion document to a 2003 joint position statement, Early Childhood Curriculum, Assessment, and Program Evaluation—Building an Effective, Accountable System in Programs for Children Birth Through Age 8, created by the NAEYC and NAECS/SDE.*  **Research Synthesis Points on Early Childhood Inclusion (0-5)**  [**http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/sites/npdci.­fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/NPDCI-ResearchSynthesisPoints-10-2009\_0.pdf**](http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/sites/npdci.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/NPDCI-ResearchSynthesisPoints-10-2009_0.pdf)  *This document highlights nine key conclusions, based on a review of the literature on early childhood inclusion. A list of references accompanies each key conclusion and some definitions are provided at the end of the document.*  **Research Synthesis Points on Practices That Support Inclusion (0-5)**  [**http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/sites/npdci.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/NPDCI-ResearchSynthesisPointsInclusivePractices-2011\_0.pdf**](http://npdci.fpg.unc.edu/sites/npdci.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/NPDCI-ResearchSynthesisPointsInclusivePractices-2011_0.pdf)  *This document provides brief descriptions and supporting references for the evidence-based and promising practices that support early childhood inclusion. These practices are organized into three major sections corresponding to the defining features of high quality early childhood inclusion as described in the joint position statement.* | | | | |
| **PRINT SOURCES 👓** | | | **An Administrator’s Guide to Preschool Inclusion (3-5)**  [**http://fpg.unc.edu/sites/fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/reports-and-policy-briefs/ECRII\_Administrators\_Guide\_2000.pdf**](http://fpg.unc.edu/sites/fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/reports-and-policy-briefs/ECRII_Administrators_Guide_2000.pdf)  *The purpose of this guide is to address issues administrators deal with in creating and supporting inclusive preschool programs. It discusses barriers and roadblocks that may be encountered and practical strategies for addressing them.*  **Classroom Routine Support Guides (2-8)**  *These guides were developed to assist teachers and caregivers in problem-solving a plan to support young children who are having challenging behavior. Organized around the routines/activities that would typically occur in an early childhood setting, the guide is designed to help early childhood professionals understand the purpose or meaning of the behavior, and to support them to select strategies to make the behavior irrelevant, inefficient, and ineffective. They can do this by selecting prevention strategies, teaching new skills, and changing responses to eliminate or minimize the challenging behavior, examples for which are provided in the guides.*   * **Routine-Based Support Guide (2-5)** [**http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/teaching\_tools/toc/folder1/1e\_routine\_based.pdf**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/teaching_tools/toc/folder1/1e_routine_based.pdf) * **Early Elementary K-2nd Grade (5-8)** [**http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool\_class\_routine\_guide\_early\_ele.pdf**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool_class_routine_guide_early_ele.pdf)   **Collaborative Steps: Paving the Way to Kindergarten for Young Children with Disabilities** **(3-6)** [**http://www.readingrockets.org/article/paving-way-kindergarten-young-children-disabilities**](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/paving-way-kindergarten-young-children-disabilities)  *Presented through the voice of a parent whose child is entering kindergarten, this article provides useful information and helpful points about collaboration with the family in the transition process.* | | | | |
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| **PRINT SOURCES 👓** | | | **Culturally Responsive Strategies to Support Young Children With Challenging Behavior (3-9)**  [**https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/nov2016/culturally-responsive-strategies**](https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/nov2016/culturally-responsive-strategies)  *This article describes five culturally responsive core strategies to promote positive teacher relationships with young children in preschool and minimize challenging behavior: learn about children and families, develop and teach expectations, take the child’s perspective, teach and model empathy, and use group times to discuss conflict. As African American boys experience a much higher rate of suspensions and expulsions from preschool settings than do other children (Gilliam 2005), these relationship-building techniques are particularly relevant for teachers as they reflect on their own practices and biases—especially toward African American boys—in early childhood classrooms.*  **Facilitating the Meaningful Participation of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families in the IFSP and IEP Process (0-5)**  [**http://bottemabeutel.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Zhang-Bennett-IEP-CLD-familes.pdf**](http://bottemabeutel.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Zhang-Bennett-IEP-CLD-familes.pdf)  *This article briefly reviews literature regarding the involvement and participation of culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) families in the special education process. Barriers to family participation and strategies for facilitating family participation are summarized, and important issues for supporting successful collaboration are highlighted.*  **Family Routine-Based Support Guide: Building Relationships with Infants (0-3)** [**http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool\_fam\_routine\_guide\_infants.pdf**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool_fam_routine_guide_infants.pdf)  *This guide was developed to assist family members and caregivers in developing plans to support and build relationships with older infants and toddlers who are using challenging behavior. It uses daily routines to promote understanding of what children may be communicating through the challenging behavior, provide strategies that can help a child participate in a routine without having challenging behavior, and offer ideas on how to respond in ways to keep the behavior from happening.*  [**Family Routine Based Support Guide**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool_fam_routine_guide_infants.pdf)**: Early Elementary (4-8)** [**http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool\_fam\_routine\_guide\_early\_ele.pdf**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/tool_fam_routine_guide_early_ele.pdf)  *This guide was developed to assist family members and caregivers in young children who are using challenging behavior, as well as in developing supportive plans for addressing/reducing those behaviors in the future. The examples are clear and relevant to the routines that are part of family life.*  **How Inclusion is Benefitting One Child Without Disabilities: Dillon’s Story** **(3-5)** [**http://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/221/9.html**](http://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/221/9.html)  *This one-page article shares the perspectives of the family of a young child who is typically developing regarding the benefits they see accruing from their son’s participation in inclusive early childhood programs.*  **Implementing the Project Approach in an Inclusive Classroom: A Teacher’s First Attempt With Project-Based Learning** [**http://www.naeyc.org/publications/vop/implementing-inclusive-classroom**](http://www.naeyc.org/publications/vop/implementing-inclusive-classroom) **(3-5)**  *In this article, the author explores how a teacher can implement the project approach in an inclusive classroom in a preschool that has a history of structured, teacher-driven curriculum.*  **The Importance of Belonging** [**http://www.dimagine.com/Belonging.pdf**](http://www.dimagine.com/Belonging.pdf) **(0-9)**  *David Pitonyak’s 2014 publication poignantly and persuasively underscores the importance of belonging and membership for individuals with and without disabilities.*  **Including Children with Special Needs: Are You and Your Program Ready? (3-6)** [**http://cispartners.vermont.gov/sites/cis/files/Guidance/Including%20Children%20with%20Special%20Need-%20Are%20You%20and%20Your%20Childcare%20Program%20Ready%20Section%20C%20Objective%203%20Letter%20A.%20b.pdf**](http://cispartners.vermont.gov/sites/cis/files/Guidance/Including%20Children%20with%20Special%20Need-%20Are%20You%20and%20Your%20Childcare%20Program%20Ready%20Section%20C%20Objective%203%20Letter%20A.%20b.pdf)  *This article provides some basic principles of inclusion, a list of recommended resources, and a Preschool and Kindergarten Inclusion Readiness Checklist that includes a section for all children and other sections on specific disability types.*  **Integrating Principles of Universal Design into the Early Childhood Curriculum (3-8)**  [**http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/Dimensions\_Vol41\_1\_Dinnebeil.pdf**](http://www.southernearlychildhood.org/upload/pdf/Dimensions_Vol41_1_Dinnebeil.pdf)  *The authors offer**examples and recommendations for how teachers of young children can support each young learner in diverse early learning settings by using Universal Design for Learning.* | | | | |
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| **PRINT SOURCES 👓** | | | **Integrating Therapy into the Classroom** **(3-5)** [**https://www.uvm.edu/~cdci/iteam/documents/IntegratingTherapyIntoClassrooms1.pdf**](https://www.uvm.edu/~cdci/iteam/documents/IntegratingTherapyIntoClassrooms1.pdf)  *This short publication packs in a great deal of relevant information: evidence for the benefits of integrated therapy plus discipline-specific insights from an occupational therapist, speech language-pathologist, physical therapist, and special educator. Suggestions for how to talk with family members about integrated therapy are also provided.*  **Making the Most of Creativity in Activities for Young Children with Disabilities** **(3-5)** [**https://cpin.us/sites/default/files/CC/VPA/docs/intro/Creativity\_Disabilities\_Young\_children.pdf**](https://cpin.us/sites/default/files/CC/VPA/docs/intro/Creativity_Disabilities_Young_children.pdf)  *Using the MOST (Materials + Objectives + Space + Time) approach, this article offers practical suggestions and planning tips for including children with disabilities in classroom activities. Examples of how the MOST approach can be used for children with visual impairments, hearing impairments, autism, or physical disabilities are presented in a chart.*  **Moving Bodies, Building Minds: Foster Preschoolers’ Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Through Movement** [**http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/201109/Moving%20Bodies\_Russo\_Marigliano\_Online\_0911.pdf**](http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/201109/Moving%20Bodies_Russo_Marigliano_Online_0911.pdf) **(3-5)**  *This article explains how critical thinking and problem-solving skills can be developed in preschoolers through movement. It also offers strategies for using movement activities, considerations for children with special needs and family connections.*  **Moving Right Along. . . Planning Transitions to Prevent Challenging Behavior (3-5)**  [**http://journal.naeyc.org/btj/200805/pdf/BTJ\_Hemmeter\_Transitions.pdf**](http://journal.naeyc.org/btj/200805/pdf/BTJ_Hemmeter_Transitions.pdf)  *The authors discuss why challenging behavior occurs during transitions, strategies for planning and implementing more effective transitions, ideas for using transitions to teach social skills and emotional competencies, and a planning process for working with children who continue to have difficulty during transitions.*  **Natural Environments: A Letter From a Mother to Friends, Families, and Professionals (0-5)** [**http://yec.sagepub.com/content/5/3/21.full.pdf+html**](http://yec.sagepub.com/content/5/3/21.full.pdf+html)  *Written from a family perspective, this article highlights the many opportunities within daily family routines to incorporate practice on targeted areas of development.*  **New Mexico Early Childhood Guide for Inclusion Birth – 5 (0-5)** [**https://www.cdd.unm.edu/ecln/PSN/common/pdfs/Inclusion%20Guide%20April%201.pdf**](https://www.cdd.unm.edu/ecln/PSN/common/pdfs/Inclusion%20Guide%20April%201.pdf)  *The Guide supports the alliance among early care and education practitioners and administrators in working together to assist young children under the age of five in attaining their joint goal of positive developmental outcomes for children.*  **Partnering with Families of Children with Special Needs**  **(0-5)** [**http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200909/FamiliesOfChildrenWithSpecialNeeds0909.pdf**](http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200909/FamiliesOfChildrenWithSpecialNeeds0909.pdf)  *Intended for educators, this article provides readers with an understanding of the experience and processes that families go through upon learning their child has a disability, as well basic information about IFSP and IEP services. It also explains several strategies for working with families with children with disabilities.*  **Strategies for Success: Creating Inclusive Classrooms that Work (5-9)**  [**http://www.pealcenter.org/images/PEAL-S4Success\_20pg\_web\_version.pdf**](http://www.pealcenter.org/images/PEAL-S4Success_20pg_web_version.pdf)  *While the age range of this booklet is from Kindergarten through high school, it offers excellent ideas for supporting inclusion in early childhood classrooms. It describes the characteristics of inclusive settings, offers strategies for achieving inclusion, and promotes the use of strategies that will benefit both children with disabilities and their peers.*  **Supporting Families of Children with Disabilities in Inclusive Programs**  [**http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200601/KaczmarekBTJ.pdf**](http://www.naeyc.org/files/yc/file/200601/KaczmarekBTJ.pdf)  *Accompanied by short vignettes, Louise Kaczmarek’s article provides early childhood teachers and early childhood intervention service providers with strategies and suggestions for supporting families of children with disabilities.*  **Supporting Young Children with Disabilities (0-9)**  [**http://dasycenter.org/supporting-young-children-with-disabilities/**](http://dasycenter.org/supporting-young-children-with-disabilities/)  *This Fall 2016 article reviews effective ways to support development and learning among young children with disabilities, including language and social skills interventions, preschool curricula, effective instructional practices, and multi-tiered systems of support.* |
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| **PRINT SOURCES** | | | **Teaching Pyramid: A Model for Supporting Social Competence and Preventing Challenging Behavior in Young Children** [**http://www.challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/yc\_article\_7\_2003.pdf**](http://www.challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/yc_article_7_2003.pdf) **(3-5)**  *This article provides a basic overview of the theory and practice of this approach to supporting social-emotional development. It highlights practices that support any child as well as interventions that might support children with more intensive, individualized needs.*  **The Universal Design of Early Education: Moving Forward for all Children** **(3-8)** [**https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/styles/iidc/defiles/ECC/ECC\_Universal\_Design\_Early\_Education.pdf**](https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/styles/iidc/defiles/ECC/ECC_Universal_Design_Early_Education.pdf)  *This article explains the rationale behind the Universal Design for Learning and how it can support children with disabilities as well as their typically developing children. It contains a chart outlining the seven principles of the Universal Design for Learning and their corresponding educational applications.*  **Welcoming All Children: Creating Inclusive Child Care (0-5)**  [**http://www.iaccrr.org/default.cfm?page=caring-for-children-with-special-needs**](http://www.iaccrr.org/default.cfm?page=caring-for-children-with-special-needs)  *This downloadable book covers key concepts related to inclusion, starting with the benefits of inclusive child care. It emphasizes evidence based practices and takes a very strengths-based approach to supporting children of diverse abilities. Companion materials (e.g., video, modules) are also available at the same site.*  **What is the Difference Between an IFSP and an IEP?** [**http://www.pacer.org/parent/php/PHP-c59.pdf**](http://www.pacer.org/parent/php/PHP-c59.pdf) **(0-5)**  *This short document summarizes the differences between an IFSP and an IEP. A chart is provided on the second page.* |
| **AUDIOVISUAL SOURCES** ✇ | | | **0 to 5 in 30 Minutes! Sensory Processing Disorders (0-5)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_SSzkA6uTFs&list=PLDA998AC929A52481&index=11**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SSzkA6uTFs&list=PLDA998AC929A52481&index=11)  *This video provides an overview of the characteristics of children who may be experiencing difficulty with sensory process and offers ideas for how to support them.*  **Adapting Literacy Learning Practices for Young Children with Disabilities**  **(0-5)**  [**http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ppts/OSEP\_National\_EC\_Conf\_Dec\_08.pps**](http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ppts/OSEP_National_EC_Conf_Dec_08.pps)  *This presentation provides suggestions for literacy activities for young children with disabilities that anyone can use.*  **Amazing Things Happen (all)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv85LMFx2E)  *The purposes of this introduction to autism are to raise awareness among young non-autistic audiences and to stimulate understanding and acceptance in future generations. It is intended to be viewed, discussed and shared widely by anyone but especially teachers and parents.*  **Animal School** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8limRtHZPs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8limRtHZPs) **(all)**  *An effective way to emphasize the importance of individualizing to support each child is to show this video.*  **Brandon’s Story: A Mother’s Voice** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIzBK1JgGgM&feature=youtu.be**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIzBK1JgGgM&feature=youtu.be) **(all)**  *This video highlights one family’s journey from the earliest days of receiving a diagnosis, through early intervention, and into productive young adult life.*  **Bri, Her Family, and Early Intervention** [**http://www.youtube.com/view\_play\_list?p=9DC2069DAD870262**](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=9DC2069DAD870262) **(0-3)**  *Produced by the Illinois EI Training Program, this series of video clips show the process of a family going through the development of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).*  **Bringing the Early Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorders Into Focus (0-1)**  [**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtvP5A5OHpU&feature=youtu.be**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtvP5A5OHpU&feature=youtu.be)  *To improve recognition of the early signs of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Dr. Rebecca Landa developed this 9-minute video tutorial on ASD behavioral signs in one-year-olds. The tutorial consists of six video clips comparing toddlers who show no signs of ASD to toddlers who show early signs of ASD. Each video is presented with voice-over explaining how the specific behaviors exhibited by the child, are either indicative of ASD or typical child development*  **Bumblebees** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8c5N6BmCLo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8c5N6BmCLo) **(all)**  *This award-winning film chronicles an episode in the life of a young man on the autism spectrum and reminds us that early intervention is a long-term investment.* |
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| **AUDIOVISUAL SOURCES** | | | **Bus Stop Tours of Inclusive Classrooms** [**http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/tour/Bus\_stops.html**](http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/tour/Bus_stops.html) **(3-7)**  *This website presents a ‘guided tour’ of improving practice in special education beginning with a global view of the key elements of effective practice, followed by visits to an integrated classroom and a self-contained classroom. The tour ends at the Visitor’s Center where additional resources are provided.*  **A Chance to Read** [**http://www.readingrockets.org/shows/launching/chance/**](http://www.readingrockets.org/shows/launching/chance/) **(3-9)**  *Hosted by Molly Ringwald, this video looks at the reading challenges facing kids with disabilities, and what schools across the country are doing to help them find success.*  **Child Outcomes Step by Step** [**http://ectacenter.org/eco/pages/videos.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/eco/pages/videos.asp) **(0-5)**  *This video describes and illustrates the three child outcomes adopted by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and reported on by all state early intervention (Part C) and preschool special education (Part B/619) programs.*  **Communication** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSYItHbWNNQ**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSYItHbWNNQ)**(0-2)**  *Watch how Aria’s grandmother interacts with her to demonstrate the power of early communication.*  **CONNECT Modules** [**http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules**](http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules) **(0-5)**  *Each CONNECT module features video clips that illustrate the components of inclusion, from embedded instruction to transitions within and across settings. The module topics are embedded interventions, transition, communication for collaboration, family-professional partnerships, assistive technology, dialogic reading practices, and tiered instruction.*  **Dear Teacher** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYS3TzhSm4Y**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYS3TzhSm4Y) **(all)**  *This film poignantly highlights what children would like teachers to know about how to support them as unique learners.*  **Early Childhood Intervention: The Power of Family** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GAHmiI1K64**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GAHmiI1K64) **(0-5)**  *This video from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) shows the effect that early intervention can have on children around the world. The video illustrates how a child’s family support is critical to his or her success later in life.*  **Embedded Learning Opportunity** **Videos** [**http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/elo#elo**](http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/elo#elo) **(3-5)**  *Each of these videos shows the use of evidence-based practices for embedding goals for a specific child within the general curriculum. Additional resources (e.g., handouts, checklists) related to the practices are also included at the site.*  **Everyone’s Welcome (all)** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MJrRvpjB1I**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MJrRvpjB1I)  *Watch this delightful video and use it to discuss how to make everyone welcome in your work with children and families.*  **Foundations of Inclusion Birth to Five (0-5)**  [**http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/resources/videos/foundations-of-inclusion-birth-to-five**](http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/resources/videos/foundations-of-inclusion-birth-to-five)  *Produced by CONNECT, this video presents an overview of the legal and policy foundations of inclusion in early childhood and the relevant research. It also covers the definition, desired results, and defining features of inclusion.*  **Friendship, Inclusion and Learning (3-5)**  [**https://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/video/resultsmatter/FriendshipInclusionAndLearning.mp4**](https://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/video/resultsmatter/FriendshipInclusionAndLearning.mp4)  *This story is about a beautiful friendship that blossomed between two young girls in a preschool classroom. The children’s parents and teacher describe how the friendship helped both girls in learning important social and academic skills.*  [**Getty's Window to Inclusion: The Chance To Be Just Like Any Other Kid**](https://vimeo.com/128526973) [**https://vimeo.com/128526973**](https://vimeo.com/128526973)  *In this 15-minute video, Kate Mathany describes how her daughter Getty virtually attends a typical preschool classroom every day using a device called a VGo. With Getty's preschool teacher, she illustrates how Getty's school day works from both home and classroom perspectives. They discuss preschool inclusion, parent leadership, the use of adaptations, collaboration, teamwork, and the benefits of inclusion for all children, families, and teachers.*  **Goodbye and Hello: Inclusion in Kindergarten** **(3-6)** [**https://vimeo.com/98050303**](https://vimeo.com/98050303)  *This brief video shares a family viewpoint on the importance inclusion made to their rising Kindergartener.*  **Henry Gets Around** [**https://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/henrygetsaround**](https://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/henrygetsaround) **(3-5)**  *This clip shows how a child with physical disabilities is able to participate fully in all the activities inside and outside the classroom. He walks, runs, climbs, jumps and sometimes gets around by using a wheelchair.*  **Hey!** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZpgAx8nrgk**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZpgAx8nrgk) **(all)**  *Ten young children who are deaf share the power of inclusion in sign in this brief video.* |
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| **AUDIOVISUAL SOURCES** | | | **I’m Tyler** [**http://imtyler.org/**](http://imtyler.org/) **(all)**  *This inspiring video, made by a young man with multiple disabilities, highlights his accomplishments, each of which was made possible by others who were willing to see his* ***abilities*** *instead of his disabilities, which he calls “ability awareness.”*  **Inclusion Basics: Membership** **(3-5)**  [**http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/?q=node/12**](http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/?q=node/12)  *This video and presentation highlight effective approaches to supporting membership in an early childhood setting for children with and without disabilities.*  **Inclusion Means Everyone (0-5)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEr-0vuC1gM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEr-0vuC1gM)  *Here’s a brief video that shows what quality inclusion looks like for each child in home, school, and community settings.*  **Individualizing Videos** **(3-5)**  [**http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/individualizing/videos**](http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/individualizing/videos)  *This set of short videos demonstrates the process that two teachers went through when planning for specific children who need more individualized instruction on some of their learning objectives. These vignettes will show clips of their planning meeting as well as what it looks like in the classroom when these plans are implemented.*  **Liam’s Story: A Mother’s Voice** **(0-3)**  [**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTcchBg8-Nk&feature=youtu.be**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTcchBg8-Nk&feature=youtu.be)  *In this short clip, Jamie describes the experiences of her son, Liam, who has muscular dystrophy, from receiving diagnosis to undergoing therapy with a supportive* *team, and using assistive technology to communicate with his world.*  **Matty B’s Family: Episode 1 – Sarah Grace (all)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMEQz1giarM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMEQz1giarM)  *This video provides a lovely example of what inclusion looks like in a family context.*  **Misunderstood Minds** **(all)**  [**http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/index.html**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/index.html)  *This site is a companion to the PBS special* ***Misunderstood Minds****, and profiles a variety of learning problems and expert opinions. It is designed to give families and teachers a better understanding of learning processes, insights into difficulties, and strategies for responding.*  **My Name is Jude** **(0-3)**  [**http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99JKYiMbLcQ&feature=youtu.be**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99JKYiMbLcQ&feature=youtu.be)  *This is a video a family created about their son, Jude and some of his experiences - both good and bad - over the last couple of years, including how several inclusive community programs, played an important role.*  [**A Parent's Perspective on Inclusion in Early Childhood**](http://draccess.org/videolibrary/) **(0-5)**  [**https://vimeo.com/126299752**](https://vimeo.com/126299752)  *This is a follow up to the video "Team Lydia Rose" which is described below. Janelle Rethwisch talks about her perspective on inclusion for her daughter Lydia, in early childhood and beyond. This video can serve as a good introduction for families who are new to the concept of inclusion or who are deciding on service options.*  **Person First Language** **(all)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stT\_y77EWGw**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stT_y77EWGw)  *Here’s a video to pair with handouts on person/people first language. The way the slides are organized, instructors could turn the top half of each slide (how NOT to say something) into a handout on which students would a person first alternative. Then when the video was played, students could self-check their answers.*  **Results Matter Video Library (0-8)**  [**https://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/rmvideoseries**](https://www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter/rmvideoseries)  *The Library contains video clips about early intervention, the use of observation, documentation, and assessment to inform practice, effective applications of technology and more. This catalog provides an overview of each of the hundreds of free, downloadable clips in the library, including the duration of each clip.* |
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| **AUDIOVISUAL SOURCES** | | | **Routine in a Program: Reading at Circle Time (3-5)**  [**http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/resources/videos/video-1-16**](http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/resources/videos/video-1-16)  *This downloadable clip from CONNECT Module 4 provides a great illustration of how one child’s articulation goals can be effectively embedded in a small group storybook activity, with great results for all the children.*  **So Many Ways to Learn (0-5)**  [**http://www.draccess.org/videolibrary/SoManyWaysToLearn**](http://www.draccess.org/videolibrary/SoManyWaysToLearn)  *Set to music, this video illustrates the many ways that young children learn. It’s good for highlighting the effectiveness of Universal Design for Learning.*  **Supporting Kids With Autism (3-6)**  [**http://video.edweek.org/detail/video/5392999255001/three-ways-teachers-can-support-kids-with-autism?autoStart=true&cmp=eml-enl-vid-p4**](http://video.edweek.org/detail/video/5392999255001/three-ways-teachers-can-support-kids-with-autism?autoStart=true&cmp=eml-enl-vid-p4)  *This video from the Center of Autism Spectrum Disorders, Children's National Health System explains ways that teachers and peers can include and support young children with autism in the classroom. It introduces Julia, Sesame Street's newest muppet, depicting a 4 year old girl with autism interacting with classroom peers.*  [**Team Lydia Rose: Supporting Inclusion Every Day in Every Way**](https://vimeo.com/118072510) **(0-5)**  [**https://vimeo.com/118072510**](https://vimeo.com/118072510)  *This video illustrates how inclusive practices should begin as early as possible. In the first part, Janelle describes her two year old daughter’s birth, early weeks in the NICU, and her stroke at four months old. In the second part, Janelle is joined by Lydia Rose's child development center teacher and her early interventionist as they discuss and illustrate a range of topics including inclusion, collaboration, family-centered early intervention in natural environments, and more.*  **Things People with Down Syndrome are Tired of Hearing** **(all)**  [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcthree/item/92a3cfc5-7078-4c21-b7e5-cb3b23b41ab7**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcthree/item/92a3cfc5-7078-4c21-b7e5-cb3b23b41ab7)  *This video features individuals with Down Syndrome sharing assumptions they are tired of people making about them.*  **Voices of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (all)**  [**http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/programs/JFKPartners/products/Pages/Voices-of-Adults-with-ASD.aspx**](http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/programs/JFKPartners/products/Pages/Voices-of-Adults-with-ASD.aspx)  *The video profiles four adults living with autism as they share their personal stories including their challenges, strengths, advice, and hopes about the future. Although the focus of this video is on adults, it conveys important lessons for all practitioners, individuals with ASD, their families, and community members.*  **Understanding LRE** [**http://www.eclre.org/good-to-know/understanding-lre.aspx**](http://www.eclre.org/good-to-know/understanding-lre.aspx) **(3-5)**  *This module is designed for families and professionals to learn about Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and inclusion in preschool years. The module covers defining LRE and inclusion and why inclusive education is important for young children.  Also discussed is how inclusive services look and how to successfully implement.*  **We All Belong** **(all)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFoLsYDQzzY**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFoLsYDQzzY)  *This is a documentary film exploring the issues of belonging and diversity in classrooms. It profiles real parents and the dreams and fears they share. This film is a frank discussion of civil, human, and educational rights and offers a window into best practices and the struggle families face to achieve inclusion for their children.*  **Welcoming All Children** [**http://www.iaccrr.org/default.cfm?page=caring-for-children-with-special-needs**](http://www.iaccrr.org/default.cfm?page=caring-for-children-with-special-needs) **(0-5)**  *This 30-minute video shows inclusion in actual child care settings.  This video contains information about how to do inclusion, resources and other information.  Companion materials (e.g., book, modules) are available at the same site.*  **When the Best of Us Stands Up (all)**  [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFuwUiHo-WI**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFuwUiHo-WI)  *This brief video illustrates the essential concepts of inclusion in everyday routines and places.* |
| **ONLINE** | | | **The A-Z of Adapting Books (all)** [**http://www.telability.org/handouts/Th%2520AtoZofAdaptingBooksFinalPPTminimizer1.pdf**](http://www.telability.org/handouts/Th%2520AtoZofAdaptingBooksFinalPPTminimizer1.pdf)  *This document lists helpful tips and methods for adapting books for students with disabilities.* |
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| **ONLINE RESOURCES** 🖳 | | | **About Specific Disabilities** **(all)**  [**http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/specific-disabilities/**](http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/specific-disabilities/)  *This webpage connects you quickly with brief, but detailed fact sheets on specific disabilities. Each fact sheet defines the disability, describes characteristics, offers tips, and mentions related information and organizations.*  **Brookes Inclusion Lab (2-9)**  [**http://blog.brookespublishing.com/**](http://blog.brookespublishing.com/)  *Brookes Publishing sponsors weekly blog posts that include practical tips, round-ups, and downloads to support work in inclusive settings. Sometimes the posts are on supporting children with specific needs (e.g., cerebral palsy, autism) and sometimes they’re on specific approaches (e.g., Universal Design for Learning). All posts are archived here and available to read or download.*  **Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL) (0-5)**  [**http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/**](http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/)  *The goal of CELL is to promote the adoption and use of evidence-based early literacy practices. The website has downloadable practice manuals (including on with adaptations for children of diverse abilities), video clips, family resources, and other materials.*  **Center for Parent Information and Resources** [**http://www.parentcenterhub.org/resources/**](http://www.parentcenterhub.org/resources/) **(all)**  *This site features resources, in English and Spanish, to support families who have children with or at risk for disabilities. Topics range from parental rights and dispute resolution to evidence-based practices and accommodations.*  **Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning** [**http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/**](http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/) **(0-5)**  *CSEFEL is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. To that end, the CSEFEL website has many resources to support each child’s full participation in home, community and program settings, including modules, videos, checklists, and descriptions of evidence-based practice.*  **CONNECT Modules** [**http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules**](http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules) **(0-5)**  *Each CONNECT module features video clips that illustrate the components of inclusion, from embedded instruction to transitions within and across settings. The module topics are embedded interventions, transition, communication for collaboration, family-professional partnerships, assistive technology, dialogic reading practices, and tiered instruction.*  **Developing High-Quality, Functional IFSP Outcomes and IEP Goals Training Package (0-5)**  [**http://ectacenter.org/knowledgepath/ifspoutcomes-iepgoals/ifspoutcomes-iepgoals.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/knowledgepath/ifspoutcomes-iepgoals/ifspoutcomes-iepgoals.asp)  *This training package provides information and resources on developing IFSP outcomes and IEP goals. Included are the Power Point presentation, the trainer script, handouts, activities, and supplemental resources. A recording of the presentation of the package is also available.*  **Dual Language Learners with Challenging Behavior (0-5)**  [**https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/culture-language/article/dual-language-learners-challenging-behaviors**](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/culture-language/article/dual-language-learners-challenging-behaviors)  *Children communicate so much through their behavior. Teachers and caregivers will find this article useful in identifying strategies for working with children who are dual language learners and exhibit challenging behaviors.*  **Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center** **(0-5)**  [**http://ectacenter.org**](http://ectacenter.org)  *A collaborative effort of various organizations, the ECTA Center provides technical assistance to improve service systems and assist states in scaling up efforts and sustaining effective, research-based services and interventions that improve outcomes for families and children with disabilities. The website contains updates information and updates on related policies and topics. Links to research and resources for families are also available.*  **Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments** **(0-3)**  [**http://ectacenter.org/topics/eiservices/eiservices.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/topics/eiservices/eiservices.asp)  *This page contains links to documents outlining key principles and practices when providing high quality EI services in natural environments. Other resources include approaches for service delivery, position statements, a list of state resources, laws on natural environment, and APR regarding services in natural environments.* |
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| **ONLINE RESOURCES** 🖳 | | | **Family-Centered Practice** **(all)**  [**https://www.childwelfare.gov/famcentered/**](https://www.childwelfare.gov/famcentered/)  *This page presents information related to family-centered practices and includes resources on cultural competence, casework practice, family-centered services, and evaluation of the efficacy of these services.*  **Head Start Center for Inclusion (3-5)**  [**http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/**](http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/)  *The Head Start Center for Inclusion seeks to support efforts at inclusion for children with disabilities. Materials and resources include useful classroom visuals and supports, videos and modules.*  **IEP Training Module** **(3-5)**  [**http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/iep-training-modules**](http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/iep-training-modules)  *Prepared by Head Start, this training module on IEPs includes the presentation, presenter’s notes, handouts, and videos. A Spanish translation is also available.*  **IFSP Process: Planning and Implementing Family-Centered Services in Natural Environments** **(0-3)** [**http://ectacenter.org/topics/ifsp/ifspprocess.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/topics/ifsp/ifspprocess.asp)  *This webpage gives an overview of the IFSP process and contains links to various resources about developing quality IFSPs.*  **The Importance of Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families** **(0-3)** [**http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/importanceofearlyintervention.pdf**](http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/importanceofearlyintervention.pdf)  *This 2-sided handout clearly delineates, and backs up with references, the importance of early intervention.*  **Inclusion in Least Restrictive Environments** **(0-5)**  [**http://www.ectacenter.org/topics/inclusion/default.asp**](http://www.ectacenter.org/topics/inclusion/default.asp)  *This is a collection of resources on inclusion in early childhood, ranging from laws and policies to evidence-based practices.*  **Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education** [**http://www.mcie.org/**](http://www.mcie.org/) **(4-9)**  *Go to the section called Making Inclusion Work at this multi-faceted website to learn more about evidence-based practices that make inclusion work (e.g., peer supports).*  **National Catholic Board on Full Inclusion** **(4-9)**  [**http://fullinclusionforcatholicschools.org/**](http://fullinclusionforcatholicschools.org/)  *This website features research on the benefits of inclusion for all students and particularly students with intellectual disabilities. Each of the over 40 studies listed includes a description of the original source and more.*  **Person First Language** **(all)**  [**http://www.pacer.org/parent/php/PHP-c31.pdf**](http://www.pacer.org/parent/php/PHP-c31.pdf)  *This brief information sheet provides a guide to the proper way to speak to or about a person with a disability.*  **Quality Inclusive Practices Checklist (0-5)**  [**http://www.heartland.edu/documents/heip/faculty/QualityInclusivePracticesChecklistVersion4.pdf**](http://www.heartland.edu/documents/heip/faculty/QualityInclusivePracticesChecklistVersion4.pdf)  *While lengthy, this downloadable tool can be used in sections or entirety to examine program practices and target opportunities to enhance access, participation, and [systemic] supports.*  **Quality Indicators of Inclusive Early Childhood Programs/Practices: A Compilation of Selected Resource (0-5)**  [**http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/qualityindicatorsinclusion.pdf**](http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/qualityindicatorsinclusion.pdf)  *This September 2010 compilation features resources in five categories: 1) quality inclusion practice considerations - general strategies to enhance the quality of inclusion experiences for children and families; 2) classroom observation rating tools to assess and rate quality practices within settings; 3) individual child-focused considerations - an inventory of quality indicators that are child-focused or intended to be used with individual children; 4) collaborative inclusion practices - examples of self-assessment tools for the appraisal of collaboration within a community; and Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) - information on systems that are designed to rate the quality of child care settings and includes standards related to the inclusion of children with special needs.* |

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| **ONLINE RESOURCES** 🖳 | **Resources Supporting Individualization for Children Ages Birth to Five (0-5)**  [**https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/children-disabilities/article/resources-supporting-individualization**](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/children-disabilities/article/resources-supporting-individualization)  *Young children ages birth to 5 vary widely in their skills, knowledge, backgrounds, and abilities. Effective teaching for all children, especially those at risk for or diagnosed with disabilities, requires individualized teaching and learning opportunities to access, participate, and thrive in all early childhood settings. This collection of resources provides information about evidence-based practices that support individualization and associated resources. These practices are aligned with the* [***Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework***](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/school-readiness/article/head-start-early-learning-outcomes-framework)*. The resources are organized around the eight topic areas of evidence-based practices identified in the* [***Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Recommended Practices***](http://www.dec-sped.org/dec-recommended-practices)*: Assessment, Environment, Family, Interaction, Instruction, Teaming and Collaboration, Transition, and Leadership. These recommended practices have been validated as having the strongest evidence-base for individualizing teaching and learning opportunities for all children.*  **Resources within Reason** [**http://www.dec-sped.org/resources-within-reason**](http://www.dec-sped.org/resources-within-reason) **(0-8)**  *This one-way listserv from the Division for Early Childhood distributes a list of free resources for supporting young children with or at risk for disabilities and their peers. The service is free and past issues are posted at the URL above.*  **Teaching Tools for Young Children with Challenging Behavior (0-5)** [**http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/teaching\_tools/ttyc.htm**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/teaching_tools/ttyc.htm)  *The Teaching Tools provide: 1) easily accessible ideas and materials such as handouts, worksheets, techniques, strategies, and visuals to support children in the classroom and other learning environments; and 2) ideas of effective intervention approaches for children who do not need a functional assessment to learn about child’s persistent challenging behavior.*  **Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children (TACSEI) (0-8)**  [**http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/**](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/)  *TACSEI provides products and resources on social emotional intervention for young children. These resources include factsheets, handouts, and presentations, as well as practical tips for professionals and caregivers.*  **Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology** **(0-5)**  [**http://ectacenter.org/topics/atech/udl.asp**](http://ectacenter.org/topics/atech/udl.asp)  *This webpage provides a brief introduction to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and how assistive technology (AT) complements this approach.*  **Vermont Early Multi-Tiered System of Supports (VT Early MTSS (0 – 8)**  *An evidence-based, tiered framework of universal promotion, prevention and intervention is the model Vermont is using for delivering a comprehensive range of evidence based practices, strategies and resources to families and early childhood practitioners with the goal of improving early learning, social and emotional well-being and competence for Vermont’s young children birth thru age 8. Multi-tiered systems of support are effective mechanisms for building quality in environments and interactions (effective ways to reduce the possibility of challenging behavior) and for incorporating supports for when challenging behavior does occur. To get an introduction to Vermont’s Early MTSS, watch this video* ([**https://vimeo.com/114577075**](https://vimeo.com/114577075))**.** *To learn more about how Vermont Early MTSS is organized to support regional early childhood leaders and professionals, go to* [**http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/VT\_EC\_MTSS\_One\_Pager\_SPDG\_and\_RTT-ELC.pdf**](http://ectacenter.org/~pdfs/topics/inclusion/VT_EC_MTSS_One_Pager_SPDG_and_RTT-ELC.pdf) |