

CALIFORNIA EARLY LEARNING AND CARE INCLUSION RESOURCES

The California Impact Inclusion Workgroup defines inclusion in California as:

“Early childhood inclusion embodies the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every infant and young child and their family, regardless of ability, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of their family, community, and society. The desired results of inclusive experiences for children with and without disabilities and their families include a sense of belonging and membership, positive social relationships and friendships, and development and learning to reach their full potential. The defining features of inclusion that can be used to identify high-quality early learning and care programs and services are: access, participation, and supports.”

WE RECOMMEND USING THE ABOVE DEFINITION AND THESE RESOURCES TO GUIDE YOUR WORK & LINK THEM ON YOUR AGENCY/PROGRAM'S WEBSITE:

01 **Website:** [Inclusive Early Education Resources - Child Development \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)

Purpose: In an effort to uplift high-quality inclusive early education, the Early Education Division (EED) at the California Department of Education (CDE), in collaboration with the Impact Inclusion Workgroup has developed a resource matrix to support providers, administrators, and parents with information to help support increased access to children with disabilities in inclusive programs.

What will you find on this website? California State Preschool Program (CSPP) resources & Professional Development Resources Matrix

What more is coming soon?

CA Quick Reference Guide for building Early Childhood Inclusion Programs, Early Childhood Legal Guidance Links & FAQs

03 **Add Inclusion language to your website, meeting agendas, presentations, & email Signature tagline:**

“One System, All Children: Better Together”
(learn more about [advancing early childhood inclusive programs for children with disabilities](#))

02 **Website:** [Impact Inclusion Workgroup - Child Development \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)

Purpose: share about the Inclusion Impact workgroup & their adopted definition of inclusion

What will you find on this website?

Members of the Impact Inclusion workgroup and the workgroup's adopted early learning and care inclusion definition, mission, and guiding principles. Early learning and care programs can use the definition, mission, vision as a guide for their own programs.

How can you implement inclusion?

Start with a definition of inclusion to guide developing your program's local standards, mission and vision for inclusion.



Watch this video to learn how to use these resources!