

The Coalition's Guiding Beliefs

Children are our community's most precious resource.

- A nurturing family environment is essential to allow children to reach their full potential.
- Prevention and early intervention are the most effective approaches, in both human and financial terms, to preserving the family, nurturing the child and enriching the community.
- Committed and qualified staff, volunteers, and community members deserve to be valued, supported and involved in efforts to improve the community.

The Coalition's Role

- Empowers parents to establish and maintain control over the education of their children and to become advocates on their own behalf.
- Engages the community by providing opportunities for involvement, growth and empowerment.
- Acknowledges leadership responsibility by networking and forming collaborative relationships with other organizations and groups.
- Advocates for innovative, responsive and effective community-based services.
- Allocates resources to maximize effectiveness.

Mission Statement

Creating a supportive network to build the necessary foundation for our children to be successful in school and life.

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Community Partners



Inclusion Services Department



"Inclusion enhances self-esteem and promotes acceptance, understanding, and friendship. Communities in which all children and youth are included are healthier, more balanced, and beneficial for all members."

- Kristen Zechello, Chairman,
Special Education Parents Advisory Council

Inclusion Department Services



Inclusion Procedure

The purpose of the Inclusion Department is to provide assistance and consultation to child care providers for the purpose of including every child, regardless of ability, in the opportunity to participate fully in a broad range of activities offered in the early learning environment so as to prepare them to enter and succeed in school.

Have a Concern About A Child?

Efforts to improve the quality of services available to young children and their families are a primary concern. The Coalition offers early intervention services and support to early care and education providers and the families they serve.

If a parent/guardian has a concern about their child:

1. Parent/guardian should speak with their child care provider about their concerns.
2. The Provider will contact our team of Inclusion Specialists.
3. An Inclusion Specialist may visit the child's child care center to conduct an observation.
4. The Inclusion Specialist will work with the center and parent to make a plan of action, offering referrals to outside agencies when necessary.

Services that Inclusion Specialists Provide

- Developmental and Behavioral Support
- Referral and Resources for Supportive Services
- Assistance in Environmental Adaptations
- Services to Enhance Learning and Educate the Community
- Health Education
- Strategies and Intervention for Managing Behavior
- Training and Technical Assistance

For more information, call the Coalition Administrative Office:

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