

INCLUSION



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*Do You Need Care
for a Child with
Special Needs?*

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MAKING CHILDREN A
PRIORITY



We Can Help!

It can be difficult for any family to find and choose quality child care for their child. When your child has special needs, this search can be even more challenging.

You may know that the Americans with Disability Act (the ADA) requires that child care providers make reasonable accommodations to meet the needs of children who either have a diagnosed disability when they enroll, or are diagnosed during their enrollment.

Even though most providers are eager to work to meet children's individual needs, they may be nervous at first about this new challenge and need some additional resources and support. That is where we step in.

WHY INCLUDE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

Successfully including children with special needs in early childhood programs benefits EVERYONE!

- Children with special needs develop to their highest potential and avoid the stigma of isolation and segregation
- Children without special needs learn about diversity in a hands-on, "lets play!" kind of way
- Teachers expand their knowledge and expertise
- Communities pool resources and work together
- Everyone learns that there are more things that make us alike than make us different



You will always be the "expert" about your child and the one best prepared to help providers meet your child's needs. However, sometimes the process of searching for and beginning care can be overwhelming.

United 4 Children Inclusion Specialists can offer the following services to assist you as you work to ensure that your child's special needs are met.

- **GIVE YOU A LIST OF PROVIDERS** to contact on your own, or, with a release, we can make initial contacts to providers for you to determine vacancies and special needs training or experience
- **PROVIDE ON-GOING ASSISTANCE** and counseling with families regarding appropriate child care options and resources available
- **PROVIDE ON-SITE OBSERVATION**, technical assistance, short-term consultation and training for providers as determined by your child's individual needs

