

Inclusive child care means including children with delays in a child care setting alongside children who are meeting their milestones.

Inclusive learning environments — including specialized instruction and support when needed — can help develop positive self-images, friendship and social skills, problem-solving abilities and respect for others.



Inclusive child care benefits ALL children.

Inclusive child care means including and supporting ALL children, regardless of their learning strengths and needs.

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Inclusive child care can put a smile on everyone's face.





What research tells us.

Benefits of inclusive child care for children who are meeting their milestones include:

- » Appreciation and acceptance of one another's abilities, talents, personalities and needs.
- » Increased empathy for others.
- » Preparation for adult life in an inclusive society.
- » Opportunities to master activities by practicing and teaching others.
- » Children benefit from teachers/caregivers who understand that children learn in different ways.

Expert guidance for families with children ages birth through 5.

Early On® Michigan (ages 0-3)

Early On provides supports and resources to families with children birth to age 3 who have developmental delays or are at risk for delays due to certain health conditions. Infants and toddlers who are enrolled in *Early On* reach their fullest potential, successfully transitioning to the next phase of life, with empowered and supportive families.

Visit 1800EarlyOn.org or call 1-800-EARLYON (1-800-327-5966)

Build Up (ages 3-5)

Build Up helps parents and their children ages 3 through 5 get additional educational support as they begin and continue to learn the skills needed to participate in age-level activities. The goal is to connect all children who may be eligible for special education services to get the support they need.

BuildUpMI.org

Inclusion supports development of all children.

Inclusive child care can help children of all abilities learn and participate.

- » Enhanced learning via observation and interaction with other children of similar ages.
- » Build relationships with other children and caring adults other than parents.
- » A chance to practice social skills in real-world situations.
- » Exposure to a wider variety of engaging activities.
- » Opportunities to learn at their own pace in a supportive environment.

What we hope to achieve.

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