



Quality Care for All Kids

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Agenda

- Current state of quality child care
- Inclusive child care
- Inclusive child care for all children
- Legal obligations of child care providers
- Resources to implement quality programming for all kids
- Questions



State of Quality Child Care

- NACCCRRA reports
- *From Neurons to Neighborhoods*
Findings
- Easter Seals
experience



Inclusive Child Care

- Serves children with and without disabilities together
- Each child's individual functional development is measured, with objective developmental goals to be achieved using developmentally appropriate practices
- **Easter Seals model**: Range of children with delays equals 25-40 percent of enrollment

Benefits of Inclusive Care

- Staff are focused on **developmental milestones** and the **unique abilities** of all children
- Children are exposed to peers with varying strengths, learning that **each of us is unique**
- Supplemental staff: **Pediatric therapists** collaborate with classroom staff to benefit all

Legal Obligations

- No is not the appropriate first answer
www.ADA.gov
- Referral to early intervention or special education

www.NECTAC.org



Take Action!

MAKE THE
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http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageNavigator/ntlc10_mffc_homepage

Easter Seals Resources

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire
- Financial Tool
- Program operations guide
- Facilities guide
- Training series on creating and sustaining inclusive learning environments
- Partnerships with local affiliates

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Questions?

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Child Care Provider Resources



**Creating and Sustaining
Inclusive Environments
for Young Children
Series**

**Operating Standards for
High Quality Inclusive
Child Care**

www.naccrra.smarthorizons.org/

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Webinar Announcement!

Make the First Five Count

Wednesday, April 18 at 7 PM ET

REGISTER NOW

April is Autism Awareness Month and the latest research tells us that the number of children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder is growing. Join the Child Care Aware® Parent Network for a webinar to learn more about how parents and child care providers can help to provide early diagnoses and successful early intervention for young children.

Learn how quality inclusive child care, in a setting with both children with disabilities and typically-developing children, would benefit your child.

Have all your questions answered by our expert presenter, Katy Neas, the Vice President of Government Relations with Easter Seals.



Make the First Five Count!

When young children with special needs and developmental delays are diagnosed and receive early intervention services at a very young age they are able to learn alongside other children their age, build lifelong skills and achieve their dreams.

Yet, each year there are more than one million children under the age of five in the United States who begin school with an unidentified disability. These children begin school with learning and health issues that put them far behind their peers and have a lasting, negative effect on their ability to meet their full potential.

Make The First Five Count is an advocacy and awareness campaign from Easter Seals. It's designed to get children at risk of developmental delays or disabilities the right support they need to be school-ready and build a foundation for a lifetime of learning.

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How well does your state support its youngest children with disabilities, delays and autism? Are kids getting the help they need, when they need it most? See how your state fares in the Easter Seals report- [Our Nation's Children at Risk: A State-by-State Report on Early Intervention](#).

Check out the [Ages and Stages Questionnaire](#) to see if your child is developing on time.

Have questions about early warning signs and early intervention? [Click here for more information](#).

Visit the [Make the First Five Count](#) website to learn how you can make a difference.

Sign up for Parent Connection and Parent Central!

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