

# Resources:

**DES Child Care for children birth to 12:**

<https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/child-care-home>

**ADHS Child Care Licensing for children birth to 12:**

[azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare](http://azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare)

**Child Care Resource and Referral:**

<http://www.arizonachildcare.org/>

**AzEIP for children birth to 3:**

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-infant>

**Preschool Special Education for children 3 to 5:**

<http://www.azed.gov/early-childhood/>

**Exceptional Student Services for children 5 to 21:**

<http://www.azed.gov/special-education/>

**First Things First: children birth to 5:**

<http://www.azftf.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**Raising Special Kids: children birth to 26:**

<http://www.raisingpecialkids.org/>

**ADHS Office for Children with Special Health**

**Care Needs:** <http://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/ocshcn/index.php>

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**Families:**  
Do you know that ALL  
children benefit from  
inclusion of children  
with disabilities?



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## Inclusion is about ALL children

Families of children with disabilities and special health care needs must know that the world is ready to meet the needs of their children. Research has shown: Including children with disabilities in the same activities and educational settings as their typically developing peers benefits ALL children. The rights of children with disabilities are protected and in place to ensure access to their communities through:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Section 504—Rehabilitation Act

Families must be confident in knowing that their children have the right to participate in their world—not separate or apart from other children.



## What is Inclusion?

Inclusion is based on the simple idea that every child and family is valued equally and deserves the same opportunities and experiences.

Children with disabilities are included as part of their community by participating in classrooms, athletic programs, cultural arts programs, library activities such as story time and simply going to the mall or playing on the playground.



## Inclusion Benefits ALL Children!

Children with and without disabilities become skilled at:

- Experiencing positive social interactions
- Making new friends
- Having pride in their achievements
- Using language and communication skills
- Solving problems creatively
- Developing patience and compassion
- Understanding and accepting their own and other's strengths and gifts
- Helping others

## Inclusion is Quality

Community programs and educational settings which are high quality know how to meet the needs of children with disabilities along with those of other children.

High quality programs employ staff who:

- Develop an awareness that all children have unique needs which expands their understanding of how best to meet those needs.
- Realize and appreciate these differences, ultimately enhancing their compassion, kindness and respect for others.
- Partner with parents to ensure that parent understanding and parent expertise about their child are both part of creating a successful program.



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