



Does your child care program welcome ALL children?

Do your policies state that you make reasonable accommodations to include ALL children, including children with disabilities or special needs?

We encourage you to add an inclusion statement to your Parent Handbook and suggest that you remove any exclusionary statements.

Here are a few examples of statements you might want to use.

“In adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), our program does not discriminate based on a child’s disability, and we strive to offer reasonable accommodations to enable children with disabilities to become fully included in the program.”

(Americans with Disabilities Act, 1997)

“We are a Full Inclusion Preschool. This means that we accept children with special needs. This is an opportunity for them to mainstream into programs with typical children. There are many benefits for the typical child as well as the opportunity to learn about differences. This helps to instill the standards and values that promote compassion, patience and acceptance.”

(A Child’s Place Learning Center, Costa Mesa)

“It is our mission to provide child care to a wide range of children of all ethnic diversities, all ages, keeping in mind the inclusion of children with needs that are different.”

(Miss Julie’s Pre-School & Child Care, Anaheim)

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