

Community Professionals and Enrichment Providers Survey on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities

This survey will be used to set goals and tailor our budgetary and fundraising efforts to the needs of our community. Your answers will help us develop the best programs for you. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

PART ONE. *Please read each statement carefully,* and circle the phrase that best describes your response. There is space provided under each statement to add additional comments, if you care to. If you need more space, please use additional paper and number your comments.

1. Outside of school, children with significant disabilities have as much access to enriching, inclusive afterschool and summer programs as most other children in our community.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

2. I believe that most children with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes or hemophilia, can have a positive and safe experience in an afterschool or summer enrichment program, even if the staff in that program have had no training in accommodating children with that disability.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

3. I believe that most children with physical challenges, such as visual and hearing impairments, can have a positive and safe experience in an afterschool or summer enrichment program, even if the staff in that program have had no training in accommodating children with that disability.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

4. I believe that most children with cognitive/neurological challenges, such as autism and Downs Syndrome, can have a positive and safe experience in an afterschool or summer enrichment program, even if the staff in that program have had no training in accommodating children with that disability.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

5. Most community-based afterschool and summer enrichment programs have the same access to quality training in the inclusion of children with the above disabilities as do most public schools.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

If you are not an enrichment provider skip to **Part Two**.

6. I believe our program would do a better job of including children with disabilities if we had more training.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

7. I believe our program could include more children with disabilities if we had access to support staff for those who need one-on-one or one-on-two assistance.

Disagree Strongly Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

PART TWO Please check the SIX topics that you consider to be of the highest priority for training workshops over the next two years. **Of these six, please circle the priority that is most pressing for you at this time.**

Asperger's Syndrome		Hearing Impairments		Muscular Dystrophy	
ADHD		Hemophilia		Seizure disorders	
Autism		HIV and other blood born pathogens		Visual Impairments	
Cerebral Palsy		Intellectual Disability		Other	
Chronic Heart Conditions		Mobility Impairment			
Diabetes		Mood Disorder			

PART THREE For each of the following topics indicate whether it is of HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW priority for community forums over the next two years.

_____ **Collaborative Fundraising.** Identifying common concerns and developing plans for collaborative grants and fundraising activities so that we can work cooperatively to include special needs children in our programs.

_____ **What can we do?** A panel discussion with lawyers, insurance providers, and social workers around the safety and liability issues related to accommodations, such as medication administration.

_____ **Whose doing what?** Networking and information gathering opportunities in order that different enrichment providers can learn about each other. We will discuss how various groups are currently including children with special needs, and how we can work collaboratively to increase opportunities to include more children.

_____ **Whose out there?** An opportunity to meet representatives of agencies and organizations that may be able to provide assistance for special needs children in your program.

_____ **Other.** _____

For each of the issues listed below, indicate the concerns as **HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW** priority. **Please circle the one concern that is of the highest priority at this time.**

_____ Behavior Management	_____ Engaging the Interest of Diverse Learners
_____ Financial Cost of Accommodations	_____ Helping the Children with Disabilities Feel Successful
_____ Liability and Legal Concerns	_____ Positive Relationships With Non-disabled Peers
_____ Safety of Other Children and Staff	_____ Safety of the Special Needs Child

Other _____

OPTIONAL. Please add your name and contact information if you would be interested in talking more about possibilities for upcoming workshops and other forms of support. We'd love to hear from you, too. Feel free to contact us at the number below.

Thank you.

Please return to: The Enrichment Alliance of Virginia, P.O. Box 1423 Charlottesville, Va. 22902