

ECE Provider Survey - Caring for Young Children with Special Needs

This survey is to understand the concerns of early care and education providers in caring for young children with special needs. "Special needs" is defined as developmental delays, physical disabilities, special health care needs, learning disabilities, and/or emotional/behavioral disorders. This survey is about children ages birth to five.

This survey should take about 10 minutes. Your responses are voluntary and will remain anonymous. No one will be able to tie your responses to you. The Texas Expanding Opportunities team sponsors this survey. The team is made up of early care and education agencies. Your participation in this survey is helpful as the team and the sponsoring agencies need more information about your experiences.

You may receive this survey from several sources. Please complete only one survey. If you have any questions, you can contact the Texas Expanding Opportunities team at ecinclusion@gmail.com. Thank you for your help!

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Please note, "program" is used in the survey to define your early care and education setting.

1. In what type of area is your program located?

Rural

Urban

Suburban

2. Are you a: (please check all that apply)

Licensed child care center

Friend, family, or neighbor care provider

Licensed child care home

Head Start center

Registered child care home

Early Head Start center

Listed family home

Pre-Kindergarten program

Preschool

Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD)

Other (please specify)

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Please use the following definition when thinking about "inclusion" - Inclusion is educating and caring for young children with disabilities in settings with children their same age.

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3. My staff and/or I have training in caring for children with special needs.

Yes

No

4. Please rate how much you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My program supports the concept of inclusion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My program is able to provide inclusive services to most children with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caring for children with special needs would affect the number of children I could serve in my program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A child with special needs would not be able to participate with my group or class in activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can support a child with special needs if he/she was injured or became ill in my program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am concerned with the reaction of the other children's parents to a child with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A child with special needs would delay the development and learning of other children in my program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Please rate how much you agree with the following statements about barriers to providing inclusive services.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I cannot access any facility upgrades or special equipment to accommodate a child with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I cannot afford any facility upgrades or special equipment to accommodate a child with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is not enough training for staff on caring for children with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would need additional staff to care for a child with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no resources to support me in caring for a child with special needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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6. Please rate how helpful you would find the following training and technical assistance potential resources that could help you care for children with special needs.

	Not helpful at all	Somewhat helpful	Helpful	Very helpful
Online training	jq	jq	jq	jq
In-person trainings at my program	jq	jq	jq	jq
In-person trainings at the local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) or other central location	jq	jq	jq	jq
Consultants/On-site technical assistance	jq	jq	jq	jq
Conference calls with consultants	jq	jq	jq	jq
Therapists to provide services in my program	jq	jq	jq	jq
Online resource center	jq	jq	jq	jq
Written materials	jq	jq	jq	jq
Program self assessment tools	jq	jq	jq	jq
Training or best-practices videos	jq	jq	jq	jq
Networking/Discussion opportunities with other providers	jq	jq	jq	jq

7. What else do you need to better support children with special needs?

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8. What works in your program with regard to providing inclusive services to children with special needs? (Please include any if you have specialists (e.g., consultants, therapists) that come to your program)

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9. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the team?

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10. How did you hear about this survey? (Please check all that apply)

- Texas Child Care Quarterly Journal
- Inclusion Works! Conference
- Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference
- Texas Licensed Child Care Association Conference
- Head Start Newsletter
- Collaborative for Children or Other Child Care Resource and Referral Agency
- Child Care Licensing Website
- Healthy Child Care Texas Website
- Other (please specify)

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Thank you for your time and assistance. If you have any questions or additional comments, please email us at ecinclusion@gmail.com.