OPERATING STANDARDS
For High Quality Inclusive Child Care

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Welcome!

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INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE
OPERATING STANDARDS

• What is inclusion

• The history of inclusionary practices in the ECE field…what have we been doing and why

• Today’s parents
Poll Question #1

What is the biggest obstacle to a center operating an inclusive program?
Tools from the past

- Rights and responsibilities
- The ADA
- Importance of Partnerships
- Focused on the child and the classroom
Poll Question #2

What does FLK stand for?
Our project: The Operating Standards

- Completed and published in 2007

- Informed by the field

- Essential collaborations with NAEYC, NACCRA, and others

- Not the final word
What Directors Really Need

- What to do
- How to do it
- Moving towards the goal
SURVEY SAYS

- OPERATIONS

- PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

- TEACHER/THERAPIST INTEGRATION

- STAFF TRAINING and RESOURCES
Poll Question #3

What is the accurate percentage of ECE classrooms in the United States that are inclusive?
• How many of “those kids” is OK?

• Assessment & Planning, IEP’s and all!

• The challenge of ratios and group sizes; “let’s throw some money at the problem”.

• Be a resource to others
PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

• Formal, ongoing, consistent communication

• Communicate the benefits of inclusion

• Training and support for parental advocacy
TEACHER/THERAPIST INTEGRATION

- Seriously, what does this mean?
- Education vs. Medical model
- Turf issues
- What Easter Seals learned
More on integration

- Therapy in the classroom
- Planning and communication
- Education and Therapy goals, oh my!
  - IEP/IFSP’s
  - Lesson plans
  - Development goals
- Have a follow-up protocol
STAFF TRAINING and RESOURCES

• Staff orientation must include learning the aspects of an inclusive program
• Know and use appropriate external resources in the community
• Annual “Inclusion” training will be given to all therapists and teachers
THE STANDARDS THEMSELVES

• There are 19 separate standards

• They are not pass/fail, but are ordinal with four ascending levels of compliance for each standard

• This is simply a roadmap for every center director to use as she sees fit
AND MORE…

• “But Bob, there’s no magic here”

• It’s not about **making magic**. It is about
  – Doing the right thing
  – Providing access for all children
  – Serving families
  – Complying with the law
  – Early care and education for all children
“The Implementation Guide: Operating Standards for High Quality Inclusive Child Care”

- A printed book that will serve as your guide to operating an inclusive program at your school or center

- Two Parts
  * The Operating Standards-all 19 of them, each with the four levels
  * A Self-Assessment Tool for your center to see where you are now, and where you can go
The Operating Standards Course

- digitally speaking….. and available:
  - Through naccrra’s website at: http://naccrra.smarthorizons.org/child-care-providers.html OR
  - On a CD you can order from Easter Seals (info at end)
Almost, THE END

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• Comments
• Concerns

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