

# **Inclusion Policy**

# What is the Inclusion Policy?

The provincial inclusion policy will establish guidelines and practices for licensed early learning and child care facilities to ensure inclusion of all children and to ensure all children actively participate in quality early learning throughout the day.

As a first step, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will design a provincial policy for inclusion in licensed early learning and child care facilities in collaboration with stakeholders. This provincial policy will serve as the framework for individual facilities to build their own inclusion policy.

This policy will be accompanied by resources (guide, training and support) to support the licensed early learning and child care facilities. Each operator will work with the department and New Brunswick Association for Community Living (NBACL) to develop their inclusion policy. As a first step, starting in 2018-2019, the policy will be implemented in the designated New Brunswick Early Learning Centres as they will serve as a model for others.

#### Who will benefit?

All preschool children aged five and under attending licensed early learning and child care facilities will benefit from a safe, inclusive learning environment for all.

Operators and educators will benefit from the training and support by professionals within NBACL as they provide inclusive learning environments.

## Why is it being done?

The inclusion policy will ensure that every child is included, respected and supported in developing their full potential through enriching experiences. Every child must have access to and participate in high quality learning activities throughout their day in licensed early learning and child care facilities.

## For Information

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