Maine's Expanding Inclusive Opportunities (MEIO) Early Childhood Settings Inclusion Toolkit Reflection Worksheet

The MEIO toolkit provides basic information about high quality inclusive settings for young children and their families. These resources are useful for individuals thinking about starting a program as well as for staff currently working in care and education settings.

The toolkit was developed to be consistent with the Early Childhood Inclusion Joint Position Statement of the Division of Early Childhood (DEC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and provides information and resources based on the defining features of access, participation and support to identify high quality inclusive programs and services (see below).

The worksheet provides a tool for your use as you review, think and talk about the information and plan next steps.

To access the toolkit, please visit <u>Maine's Expanding Inclusive Opportunities (MEIO) Early</u> <u>Childhood Settings Inclusion Toolkit website</u> at http://umaine.edu/expandinclusiveopp/ecsettings-inclusion-toolkit/.

Considers how the program welcomes every child by removing physical barriers and offering multiple ways to promote learning and development.

Access

Participation

Considers how the program individualizes to support all children in all child care routines, activities and settings using a range of approaches to promote engagement. Considers the need for collaboration and coordination to access community resources, support family partnerships, participate in professional development & design well defined inclusive policies.

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What did you learn and want to remember?

What did you read about or see that matches your program?

What did you read about or see that you would like to use, learn more about or try in your program?

Think about the defining features of inclusion and select an idea to try out or a resource to explore further. Complete your plan below:

Activity to try:

When:

Who:

How:

Finally, think about and answer these two questions:

How does this activity increase your program's inclusive practices?

Which defining feature (access, participation or support) is strengthened as a result?

Access

Participation

Support