## How to Write a Program Philosophy Do you have a Program Philosophy? INCLUSION Yes Establish Program Philosophy Team—Identify stakeholders who are interested in establishing the program's philosophy Administrators (special education/general education) Teachers/staff (special education/general education) Parents of children with and without special needs **Program Discussion** Community stakeholders (i.e. community centers, family Discuss the type of program you have or would like to recourse centers, regional centers, school districts, etc.) have (parent participation, play based, academic, Montessori, magnet school, charter school, general curriculum) Curriculum Stakeholder Involvement **Physical Setting** Inclusion What is your core belief about children o What is unique about your location? Administrator o Why include children with and without special needs? and how they learn? o What is the rational behind the set up of your o Parent o How are they going to be included? (go to inclusion o How is the curriculum structured (i.e. o Community (fieldtrips, special classroom and playground environments? (see models) direct instruction, social instruction, ECERS, ITERS, FDCRS, SACERS and DECA quests) o How will you involve special education teachers and constructivist)? o Teacher (team teaching, ancillary checklists http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ECERS/http:// specialized service providers (speech, occupational o Is the curriculum play based, academic, staff, aides, etc.) www.kaplanco.com/includes/content/resourc s/ therapy, etc.)? both? o Other ECERSR\_materials\_checklist.pdf, Do they work only with a child with disability or with all o Which common subjects (language, children? math, science, social studies, motor • Is the therapy embedded in the class time or is the chilactivities, social development) does the pulled out for services? school include? o How will you adapt and modify the curriculum and materia o How are you preparing students for to meet the individual needs of all the students? transition? o How does the program foster diversity? Write a statement about the physical Write a statement setting of your school. about the strengths of your program and the Write a statement Write a statement stakeholders. about the inclusion concerning your belief model you will use and about how children learn why you will use it. and your curriculum. Make sure your statements are in Person First Terminology. Combine statements into a cohesive statement to form your program

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