Child Care, Inclusion, and Transition (updated)

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Child Care – Selected Articles


Classroom engagement is important to young children’s academic and social development. Accurate methods of capturing this behavior are needed to inform and evaluate intervention efforts. This study compared the accuracy of interval durations (i.e., 5 s, 10 s, 15 s, 20 s, 30 s, and 60 s) of momentary time sampling (MTS) in approximating the duration of classroom engagement as measured by continuous duration recording (CDR).


The phrase, “a caring community of learners,” occurs with increasing frequency in the early childhood literature (Wisneski and Goldstein 2004). A 2009 position statement of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), for example, in explaining the components of developmentally appropriate practice, said that effective teachers of children 0-8 years create a caring community of learners. But what is a caring community of learners in an early childhood classroom? What are its benefits? How can we create a caring community of learners?


Phonemic awareness has been consistently identified as an essential skill for as well as an important predictor of later reading achievement. Children who lack these early literacy skills at kindergarten entry are more likely to demonstrate both short- and long-term reading difficulties. Despite the importance of providing intervention early, there is a paucity of research on Tier 3 early literacy interventions in preschool. A single-case multiple baseline across subjects design was used to examine the effects of a Tier 3 phonemic
awareness intervention with preschool children who were identified as needing Tier 3 support in early literacy skills. The intervention was conducted individually with children, 5 to 10 min a day over an 8-week period. The results show gains in phonemic awareness for all children; however, the intervention was clearly more effective for some students than others. Factors that may have affected children’s learning are discussed.


This study investigated educators’ attitudes towards the inclusion of a child labelled with autism in a mainstream early childhood education and care (ECEC) setting in Australia. The article provides an overview of three perspectives from which disability in inclusive early childhood education can be approached: the medical model of disability, the social model of disability and the social relational understanding of disability. Findings showed that when educators’ beliefs and practices aligned with a social relational understanding of disability, inclusion for a child labelled with autism was facilitated. It is argued that inclusion in early childhood settings can be fostered when educators recognise and dismantle barriers to doing and barriers to being, and view inclusion as ordinary practice.


We conducted a potential efficacy trial examining the effects of classroom-wide implementation of the Pyramid Model for Promoting Young Children’s Social-Emotional Competence on teachers’ implementation of Pyramid Model practices and children’s social-emotional skills and challenging behavior. Participants were 40 preschool teachers and 494 children. Using a randomized controlled design, 20 teachers received a professional development (PD) intervention to support their implementation of the practices. The 20 teachers in the control condition received workshops after all study-related data were collected. Teachers who received PD significantly improved their implementation of Pyramid Model practices relative to control teachers. Children in intervention teachers’ classrooms were rated as having better social skills and fewer challenging behaviors relative to children in control teachers’ classrooms. Exploratory analyses showed that children at elevated risk for behavior disorders in intervention teachers’ classrooms had improvements in their observed social interaction skills relative to similar children in control teachers’ classrooms.


The purpose of this study was to expand the knowledge base regarding discipline policies in early care and education (ECE) programs by examining the extent to which programs utilize policies that reflect the implementation of evidence-based practices to prevent and address challenging behaviors in the early years. Discipline policies were gathered from 282 programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and were scored using the Teaching and Guidance Policy Essentials Checklist. Overall, policies failed to address evidence-base practices, and findings are situated within the discourse on the prevalence of challenging behaviors and the troubling date on preschool suspension and expulsion rates and the current ECE context.


The purpose of this article was to describe a group coaching model and present preliminary evidence of its impact on teachers’ implementation of Pyramid Model practices. In particular, we described coaching strategies used to support teachers in reflecting and problem solving on the implementation of the evidence-based strategies. Preliminary results of six pre-school teachers in an early childhood education program who participated in the group coaching were presented. The exploratory data provided findings of impact of the group coaching model and demonstrated that teachers’ implementation of the Pyramid Model practices increased after receiving group coaching. Implications for practice and future research were discussed.
The first few weeks of fall can create anxiety for parents whose children are entering kindergarten. Are their 5-year-olds ready to launch into formal schooling? In reality, families and teachers can do many things to help children be ready for the big school (Furman 1986). Kindergarten readiness is a complex puzzle, and children are only one piece. Families, schools, and communities make up the other pieces (Maxwell, Halle, and Forry 2013). Because kindergarten readiness is formed within relationships—caregiver-child, teacher-child, and child-child—and is based on experience, its foundation is laid long before the kindergarten bell rings (Horm, Norris, Perry, Chazan-Cohen, and Halle 2016). The initial pieces of the readiness puzzle are placed during infancy, and the final pieces are added in the months before kindergarten begins.

One state’s systems change efforts to reduce child care expulsion: taking the pyramid model to scale. Vihn M, Strain P, Davidson S, Smith BJ. *Topics Early Child Spec Educ.* 2016;36:159-164.
This article describes the efforts funded by the state of Colorado to address unacceptably high rates of expulsion from child care. Based on the results of a 2006 survey, the state of Colorado launched two complementary policy initiatives in 2009 to impact expulsion rates and to improve the use of evidence-based practices related to challenging behavior. The primary policy initiative involved the funding of a center to develop model sites, a state-level planning team, ongoing practitioner training, and certification of coaches and trainers all built around the Pyramid Model. The secondary initiative involved expanding the number of early childhood mental health consultants and modifying their reimbursement/payment formula such that direct preventative work with adult providers, consistent with the Pyramid Model, was reimbursable. A follow-up survey in 2011 showed a dramatic reduction in expulsion rates and a corollary increase in providers’ teaching of prosocial skills to children with challenging behavior.

Practitioner research has the potential to facilitate the ongoing knowledge and skill development of preservice and in-service early childhood education and care teachers. The purpose of this systematic literature review is to describe the landscape of practitioner research conducted in the United States. This study synthesizes more than 20 years of practitioner research conducted by practitioners in the “birth to five” context. Critical components that help understand (a) who engages in practitioner research, (b) under what structural conditions practitioner research occurs, and (c) how practitioner researchers actively query their context and collect and analyze data are described. Following the review of the literature, a summary of what is known and implications for expanded understanding are discussed.

**Child Care – Audiovisuals**

Ages of infancy: caring for young mobile and older infants. 32 min. 2006. (DD0317).
This DVD describes three stages of infant development. Security (birth to 8 months), during which the infant thrives on the warmth and nurturing that comes from the caregiver; exploration (6 to 18 months), which begins to happen as infants become mobile and curious about their surroundings; and identity (16 to 36 months), during which the older infant is concerned with who he or she is and who is in control. It presents ideas and guidelines on how caregivers in a child care environment can support infants as they move through stages of development.

This CD provides parenting information for child care providers and training items such as posters and forms.

The developing child: observation. 29 min. 2004. (DD0232).
Using the four areas of development: physical, cognitive, language and social-emotional, the viewer is guided through several sequences of naturalistic observation of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. From the ongoing assessment of children, educators link the planning for student learning to what they know about the child’s accomplishments, interests, strengths, and areas to achieve.
Developmentally appropriate practice video program. 53 min. 2009 (DD0300).
This DVD disc is meant to be played on a computer with a DVD drive. It contains an overview of developmentally appropriate practice. Presentations from NAECY leadership and experts in the field are also included. Depictions of developmentally appropriate practice in action are shown in classrooms for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners, and primary school children. The editors of the Developmentally appropriate practice books answer questions from the field.

Discoveries of infancy: cognitive development and learning. 32 min. 2006. (DD0318).
This DVD explores the constant quest for knowledge of infants and toddlers. It shows six major kinds of discoveries children make in the first three years of life and offers guidelines on how caregivers in a child care environment can support early learning.

Essential connections: ten keys to culturally sensitive child care. 36 min. 2006. (DD0322).
Culture is the fundamental building block of identity. Through cultural learning, children gain a feeling of belonging, a sense of personal history, and a security in knowing who they are and where they come from. This DVD recommends ways to structure and run child care programs to strengthen children’s connections with their families and their home culture.

Flexible, fearful, or feisty: the different temperaments of infants and toddlers. 29 min. 2006. (DD0319).
This DVD explores the various temperamental styles of infants and toddlers. Nine traits can be grouped into three styles: flexible, fearful, or feisty. Techniques that caregivers in a child care environment can use to deal with each of the different temperaments are described. This DVD is also available in Spanish as Flexible, cauteloso, o bravo (DD0453).

Helping children cope with frightening events. 25 min. 2002. (DD0185).
This program describes the reaction of children exposed to traumatic or frightening events. Child care providers will learn about changes in children’s behavior and how to create a supportive environment for them. Activities are suggested that reinforce a sense of security and promote healing.

Highscope for children with special needs: a developmental approach. 60 min. 2005. (DD0641).
HighScope teachers model the process of incorporating key learning experiences and Individualized Education Program goals into the daily routine. By observing and documenting what children can do, teachers plan authentic classroom activities that are more effective than narrow drill-and-practice exercises.

I want all the turns: supporting children in resolving problems and conflicts/quiero todos los turnos. 90 min. 2013. (DD0655).
This program describes how early childhood teachers can support the development of children’s problem-solving abilities and other social skills. Preschool teachers use curriculum strategies to encourage problem solving and explain the HighScope conflict resolution process for children. The DVD also offers strategies teachers can use to prevent children from developing bullying behavior patterns in later years.

It’s not just routine: feeding, diapering, and napping: infants and toddlers. 24 min. 2006. (DD0408).
Child care workers learn how to properly carry out the daily routines of napping, feeding, and diapering. This program explains how these routines are rich in opportunities for learning and one-to-one contact between caregiver and child.

NEW! Jobs in child development. 29 min. 2010. (DD0727).
A variety of professionals are employed by proud parents and concerned care providers to ensure the health, education and general well-being of their children. Gain insight into the personality and skills required to become...
a social worker, developmental therapist, childcare worker and teacher. Learn what these jobs entail as well as other careers relating to the growth and development of children.

**Keys to quality care.** 24 min. 2002. (DD0554).
Viewers learn the seven essential components of quality infant and toddler care. The care must be responsive and it must be relationship-based with an individualized curriculum. The relationship between the care giver and the child must be consistent and close. The environment must be well planned to incorporate children’s emerging interests. The safety of the care site must be carefully monitored and sanitary precautions must be taken. Parents must be welcomed into the classroom. Lastly, the staff must be qualified and the program must be licensed.

**Managing everyday challenges through positive guidance.** 75 min. 2011. (DD0535).
This DVD teaches how to create positive relationships to support young children’s social and emotional development. It explains evidence based practices that shape children’s behaviors such as designing the classroom, implementing engaging curriculum, intentionally creating routines and schedules to fit the specific needs of the children, and establishing consistent limits and ground rules. Teachers support children in developing social competence by redirecting, listening actively, offering choices, and offering encouragement. The instructor CD-Rom contains an accompanying power point presentation.

**Parent partnerships: parents and caregivers together.** 26 min. 2002. (DD0332).
This DVD examines the benefits of a high quality relationship between caregiver and parent. Caregivers learn strategies to build stronger partnerships.

**Place of our own: early childhood solutions behavior and emotions.** 180 min. 2008. (DD0325).
Host Debi Gutierrez leads engaging discussions on children’s behavior and emotions with parents, caregivers, and child care experts. This program is divided into segments: Conflict resolution – 8 min.; Tantrums – 8 min.; Self control and positive discipline – 8 min.; Separation anxiety – 10 min.; Sharing – 7 min. This DVD also includes 17 fun activities to do with children.

**Place of our own: early childhood solutions health and nutrition.** 119 min. 2008. (DD0324).
Host Debi Gutierrez leads engaging discussions on health and nutrition with parents, caregivers, and child care experts. This program is divided into segments: Exercising for life – 10 min.; Your kid’s nutritional needs – 9 min.; Healthy eating – 5 min.; Infant nutrition – 12 min.

**Place of our own: early childhood solutions special needs.** 97 min. 2008. (DD0326).
Host Debi Gutierrez leads engaging discussions on children with special needs with parents, caregivers, and child care experts. This program is divided into segments: Introduction – 2 min.; Understanding special needs – 11 min.; Recognizing special needs – 13 min.; Speech and language delays – 13 min. It also includes 6 fun activities to do with children.

**Play that’s real: fostering a sense of identity in toddler programs.** 35 min. 2002. (DD0333).
This program examines how caregivers can promote play that is meaningful by building on everyday experiences and routines in the child care setting. Children are shown engaging in play that is authentic. It explains how a secure attachment relationship supports play.

**Practical strategies for teaching social emotional skills.** 28 min. 2007. (DD0581).
This program highlights strategies and approaches that early childhood personnel and families can use to systematically target social emotional supports that build young children’s skills in a variety of areas including making friends, problem solving, asking an adult for help, talking about feelings, and managing their emotions.

**Pre-K promise.** 28 min. 2006. (DD0450).
This DVD provides guidance to help parents understand: how preschool programs can benefit young children; what a quality preschool program looks like; what questions to ask when evaluating a preschool; and how to help
make quality, affordable preschool programs more widely available. This DVD is also available in Spanish as La promesa de los programas preescolares.

**Preschooler observation: cognitive development.** 26 min. 2012. (DD0498).
Preschoolers engage in activities that exemplify the extraordinary mental advancements that children make at this age. Caregivers witness the natural activities children are drawn to which help their cognitive development and learn strategies to encourage these activities.

**Preschooler observation: language and literacy development.** 23 min. 2012. (DD0497).
Preschoolers engage in activities that exemplify the extraordinary advancements in language and literacy that children make at this age. Caregivers also see the natural activities children are drawn to which foster development and learn strategies to encourage these activities.

**Preschooler observation: physical and motor development.** 21 min. 2012. (DD0495).
This detailed observation of preschoolers shows them engaged in activities that exemplify the extraordinary physical advancements that children make at this age. Viewers also see the natural activities children are drawn to which help their physical development and strategies to encourage these activities. This program includes 16 live-action clips.

**Preschooler observation: social and emotional development.** 23 min. 2012. (DD0496).
Viewers will learn the skill set that makes up social and emotional development; the value of encouraging creativity and risk taking; activities that foster initiative and positive self-esteem; how culture and gender affect development; levels of social participation; examples of pro-social and antisocial behaviors and ways caregivers can help children develop these skills.

**Preschoolers.** 28 min. 2008. (DD0334).
This program looks at each aspect of a preschooler’s development as well as examines the special needs of children with challenging conditions. Concepts from developmental theorists, interviews with preschool teachers, and practical suggestions for caregivers are presented in this study of the whole preschool-aged child.

**Primary caregiving: working toward secure attachments in child care.** 19 min. 2001. (DD0330).
This program promotes the value of a primary caregiving system for babies and toddlers and their parents. It focuses on the experience of one child, Cai, and follows him through his daily experiences with his primary caregiver, Cecilia.

**Promoting children’s social competence: a guide to family child care providers.** 23 min. 2007. (DD0119).
This DVD contains three sections: Setting up the environment to support social development; Guiding children’s behavior; and Understanding and dealing with challenging behavior. This program gives child care providers tips on how to teach children to cooperate, play positively, share, and take turns.

**Promoting language and literacy.** 29 min. 2003. (DD0405).
Caregivers listen and respond to children’s communication and discuss the use of signs to enhance communication. They suggest ways to assist children who may show language delays and whose home language is different than English. They demonstrate sharing books from early infancy through the second year. To prepare for later literacy, caregivers use pictures and photos and introduce materials for scribbling and representation.
In this DVD, host Maria Shriver explains the importance of quality child care. The right child care will nurture a child’s healthy development. Parents are told what to look for and the right questions to ask in choosing child care. Communication with the caregiver is essential. This DVD is also available in Spanish as Cuidado infantil (DD0041).

The video explores the components of a secure attachment relationship and identifies the role of the professional in achieving it. It shows examples of secure and insecure attachment.

This DVD follows three early childhood educators as they mentor less experienced teachers in becoming better observers and curriculum developers by drawing on the children’s interests and ideas. You see the teachers gain skills and confidence in using documentation and a range of art media to guide their planning. They take risks, set up accountability systems, and celebrate accomplishments.

Space to grow: creating a child care environment for infants and toddlers. 34 min. 2004. (DD0409).
The environment has a powerful influence on infants and toddlers. Very young children are limited in their ability to move away from an environment or change an environment to their liking. Child care providers have more control over the space where toddlers and infants are cared for. This program shows qualities to consider when setting up care to make it more effective for child care providers and the children in their care.

Supportive adult-child interactions. 53 min. 2011. (DD0494).
Viewers will learn how to create a climate of trust for infants and toddlers, form partnerships with children, and support children’s intentions. Details on establishing program policies that promote continuity of care are provided. Several extended unnarrated scenes from HighScope programs illustrate strategies for developing supportive interactions with young children.

Child Care – Books

There are all different kinds of families and this book will help teachers feel more comfortable and be more effective in dealing with them. The book discusses honoring and working with diversity, how to deal with holiday issues, working with fathers, communicating and meeting with families, and gives tips for challenging conversations.

Applying implementation science in early childhood programs and systems. Tamara Halle, 2013. (LB 1139.35 C64 H35 2013 ECI).
This reference will help ensure that interventions are implemented effectively and sustained so they help as many children as possible. This book will help improve long-term outcomes for all young children. Early childhood programs will learn how to replicate and sustain best practices, researchers will be ready to conduct more informed program evaluations, and policymakers will discover how to have effective, sustainable programs and systems.

This book covers a vast range of different philosophical and practical approaches to the education of young children. It describes a variety of current education approaches, with a detailed description of their historical and philosophical foundations and their current practice. All the approaches covered in this text can be seen in
programs from infancy through the end of elementary school, even if each may focus on a certain age within this timeframe. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

**Appropriate environments for children under three.** Helen Bradford, 2012.
It is widely known that babies and infants will flourish in an environment that supports and promotes their learning and development. But what constitutes an appropriate environment for children under three? Drawing on recent research, this book explores the concept of an appropriate environment, both within and beyond the early years setting. It sets this within the context of child development and practically demonstrates how a high quality environment can be created for babies and toddlers that supports the areas of learning and development. Features include: case studies and examples, focus points for readers, questions for reflective practice, and suggestions for staff development. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

Documentation in early childhood education is typically seen as a means to enhance the quality of care and education, and as a way to take account of the child’s view. This book considers the increasing trend towards systematic child documentation especially in early childhood institutions. The authors present ways in which assessment and evaluation is done sometimes explicitly but more often implicitly in these practices, and explore its means, aims, forms, and functions. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

This book describes games to play with infants at various stages in their development. The games will help develop physical skills, social-emotional skills, or intellectual/thinking skills.

Developed by two research consultants for Early Head Start, this extensive curriculum takes a joyful activity-based approach to enhancing the development of infants and toddlers.

In this book, you’ll travel into the homes and schools of over 70 young children from diverse backgrounds and observe parent-child and teacher-child interactions. Through research gathered in the Home School Study of Language and Literacy Development, the authors share with you the relationship they’ve found between these critical, early interactions and children’s kindergarten language and literacy skills.

**NEW! Being with babies: understanding and responding to the infants in your care.** Beverly Kovach, 2008. (LC 4019.3 K 88b 2008 ECI).
Each chapter of this book describes an issue that caregivers of infants face every day, then follows the description with scenarios that illustrate the challenge, provides suggested solutions and ends with a review of key points. It is aimed at caregivers of children 6 weeks to 18 months old.

Benjamin misses his mother after she drops him at child care, but thinking about coming back tomorrow reassures him that she will come back as well.

This book shows readers how to nurture the youngest children in child care with nourishing interactions, social-emotional support, boosts for thinking and reasoning skill development, support for language development, appropriate matches between child and activity, opportunities for creative exploration, positive behavior reinforcement, and more.


This book provides information to build a sound framework for organizing, planning, and setting goals for trainings of early childhood staff. It gives an understanding of how adults learn and effective ways to train staff members who differ in age and experience. Methods, activities, and exercises are included along with suggestions for evaluating the effectiveness of the training.

NEW! Blending practices for all children. 2014. (LC 4019.3 B647 2014 ECI).

This book provides perspectives on blended practices for all young children served in inclusive settings. It discusses adapting lesson plans for preschoolers, delivering individualized instruction during classroom activities, preparing professionals to support children of diverse abilities, and more.


Six hundred brain-based activity ideas and the latest on brain research to enhance any early childhood curriculum are included in this book. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.


This book describes our current understanding of early development and explores the elements of quality in group care that support strong relationships and positive learning experiences. It presents stories that exemplify responsive, relationship-based practice, and provides examples of reflective practice in early group care.


The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Public Health Association, and the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education publish national standards for child care. These standards represent the best evidence, expertise, and experience in the country on quality health and safety practices and policies that should be followed in today’s early care and education settings. They are available online at http://nrckids.org/CFOC3/index.html.


This book is about the socialization and education of young children in child rearing, caring, and educational contexts from birth to eight years of age. It puts working with families in early care and education settings in the spotlight as the central theme and includes practical advice in every chapter about how to succeed.


This book features hundreds of activities designed for infants from birth through 18 months. They maximize learning and development in the areas of language, physical, social-emotional, and cognitive growth. The activities can be used individually or grouped together to focus on a specific skill.
This book defines professional development for early childhood professionals. It examines research across a range of settings including Head Start, public preschools, private programs and looks at ways to measure the size and characteristics of the early childhood workforce. It considers both the extent and the content of professional development. The authors investigate key economic considerations and the policy implications of research studies in this field.

This book offers guidance to programs seeking to implement the DEC recommended practices in personnel preparation for early childhood and early childhood special education teachers.

This resource provides guidance to families and professionals about the most effective ways to improve learning outcomes and promote development of young children, birth through age 5, who have, or are at-risk for, developmental delays or disabilities.

This book discusses the qualities of an effective early child care program and the need to provide children with experiences that will prepare them for future emotional, social, and academic success. It demonstrates how to create environments that foster healthy relationships for children and adults and that will build on children’s sense of wonder and joy for learning.

This book offers a comprehensive guide to the development of young children for parents, caregivers, and educators. It describes developmental milestones from birth through age twelve in a nontechnical style as well as providing basic knowledge, informing readers of what they can expect, and how they can provide appropriate learning experiences at each stage of development.

This book explores the rich diversity encountered in programs and environments for children, ages birth to 8, including those serving children with special needs. The emphasis is on the practical and immediate concerns of the early childhood professional and family service worker. It also discusses poverty, family expectations, and appropriate discipline.

This introduction to the history of early childhood education emphasizes the role of history and philosophy in early childhood practice today. The text features a series of imagined conversations with key figures and pioneers in early childhood education and caregiving. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

This textbook examines foundational topics that encourage early childhood education students to think, reflect, and develop opinions, theories, and philosophies about their field. This book invites the reader to develop a personal philosophy of early childhood education or caregiving and an identity as an early educator, in order to
build a sufficient foundation for continual growth as a teacher. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

**Early childhood special education, 0 to 8 years: strategies for positive outcomes.** Sharon A. Raver, 2009. (LC 4019.3 R254e 2009 ECI).
This book covers the professional knowledge and skill competencies teachers must have to promote optimal development in children with special needs from birth through 8 years of age.

This text contains the chapter *Inclusive preschool education: best practices in action*. The authors provide the example of the Jowonio School of Syracuse, New York as a preschool that has succeeded in integrating students with disabilities.

**NEW! Emergent curriculum in early childhood settings: from theory to practice.** Susan Stacey, 2008. This book explores, from both the teacher’s and the student’s perspectives, how emergent curriculum principles and practices can improve any early childhood program. Sections on observation, documentation, assessment, and relationships that support learning provide a complete subject overview. This title is also available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

Babies are naturally active and their movements help them explore their environment. They first move involuntarily and then learn to move more independently as their bodies grow stronger. Caregivers can encourage a baby’s muscle development, strength and balance with simple activities done with infants as young as six weeks old.

**Extending the dance in infant and toddler caregiving: enhancing attachment and relationships.** Helen H. Raikes, 2009. (WS 105.5 C3 R151e 2009 ECI).
This book is an in-depth blueprint for promoting attachment and relationships in early childhood settings. It helps professional caregivers and educators develop sensitive, nurturing relationships with young children.

This book explains the neurological and psychosocial development of children from birth to 8. It covers a full range of issues in early childhood special education. It discusses autism, sensory processing disorders, early identification of delays, family systems and environments, effects of prematurity, evaluation and care of newborns, pain management, cultural diversity, abuse and neglect, and more.

Complete with tips for creating a developmentally appropriate environment and experiences that stimulate infants’ muscles and minds, this book gives readers the tools to craft a quality learning environment. Topics include the caregiver’s role, setting up the space, daily planning, child growth and development, addressing multiple intelligences, and evaluating the program.

The elements of a quality learning environment are not the same for every age. The toddler years are unique. Complete with tips for creating a developmentally appropriate environment and experiences that stimulate muscles and minds, this book gives caregivers the tools to craft a quality learning environment. It explains how to structure a program where toddlers and two-year-olds can learn, play and thrive.
This book equips prospective early childhood educators with the principles and strategies necessary to guide young children. It discusses how to guide children with special needs and with challenging behaviors. It includes sections on principles of guidance, strategies for guidance, and applications.

This textbook discusses the importance and interrelationship of health, safety and nutrition for children to grow up safe and healthy. It then discusses each dimension (health, preventing accidents, and food and nutrition) in more detail. The CD-ROM contains the forms found in the book in both Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF formats.

This user-friendly book, written for educators who work with 3- to 7-year-olds, provides more than 350 strategies to promote success for beginning learners, especially those with special needs. It contains current brain research about learning and behavior challenges, information on IDEA 2004, a glossary, resource listings of organizations, and reproducibles. The author provides teachers with developmentally appropriate practices to help children increase motor skills, develop emotionally and socially, acquire better communication, listening, and attention skills, work toward self-management of behaviors, and develop preparatory reading, writing, and math skills. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

This comprehensive introduction to infant and toddler development, responsive program planning, and relationship-based curriculum presents the why and how of providing quality care for infants and toddlers. The book maintains a focus on the importance of families’ and teachers’ relationships and responsiveness in interactions with children. It also emphasizes child-centered planning, especially for infants and toddlers with special needs, and focuses on the effects of culture, families and quality programs on infant-toddler development and interactions.

This book describes specific strategies that will assist practitioners to collaborate with families in achieving the various components of the DEC recommended practices for early childhood special education.

This curriculum provides instructions for fun activities to support and guide cognitive, social, emotional and physical development. It can be used in preschools, group child care, family child care homes, parent groups, and home visitation.

This monograph is intended to support early educators working with young infants, toddlers, and young children with special needs in designing and implementing comprehensive curriculum that are linked to state outcomes, early learning guidelines, and/or standards.

In this book, readers learn about the key factors that influence a child’s stress level in order to become keen observers of the many ways children express stress. A wide range of innovative, clinically validated techniques are presented to help children with separation anxiety, bullying, jealousy, and family problems.
Future educators will get a thorough introduction to inclusion supports: evidence-based practices and strategies that help children with disabilities fully participate in preschool classrooms. With a strong emphasis on collaboration among all members of the education team, this text leads professionals step by step through every aspect of successful preschool inclusion, from designing an effective program to preparing all children for a smooth transition to kindergarten.

This quick guide is based on recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics to control the spread of infectious diseases among children. It includes more than 50 quick reference sheets on common diseases and symptoms. It includes strategies to limit the spread of disease in child care settings and schools and when exclusion should or should not be used. Sample letters and forms are provided.

This book provides activities to go along with the themes presented in the television show, Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood. The activities can also be used without watching the show. Song lyrics, an activities index, a topic index, and a theme index are all included.

The most rapid and significant phase of development occurs in the first three years of a child’s life. This book explains theories of child development and pairs them with practical examples to show how such theories translate into good working practice. Taking a holistic approach to supporting children’s learning, this book shows how a range of observation strategies can provide insight into children’s social, emotional, physical and cognitive development and practically demonstrates how practitioners can develop appropriate planning and observation techniques for babies and toddlers. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

This book provides an organized and accessible format for building quality and qualifications into professional development programs for early childhood educators. It includes a section on creating inclusive settings and learning environments.

This book outlines the key steps in creating a system of reflective supervision within an early childhood program to improve services, support staff, and better meet the needs of children and families. It provides answers to the critical questions that every program needs to know to launch reflective supervision.

This book for administrators explains early childhood and special education programs. It explains how to work toward a coordinated, family-centered system of early intervention services; how to ensure accurate screening and evaluation of young children; how to create and manage a budget; develop a professional development program; improve staff performance; and understand legal issues and liabilities.
This workbook is designed to be used with a group, a community of practice, but it can also be a self-study tool. The exercises help you to understand and practice the key elements of reflective teaching. Ten study sessions provide opportunities to engage with peers as you collaborate and connect theory and best practices in your classrooms. These experiences will help you evaluate and grow your reflective teaching skills, use the Thinking Lens™ protocol to align your daily work with your larger goals, values, and vision, gain a heightened sense of self-awareness and a stronger image of children, examine the details of your environment, and challenge yourself with new perspectives.

NEW! Reflective supervision and leadership in infant and early childhood programs. Mary Claire Heffron, 2010. (LC 4109.3 H461r 2010 ECI).
This book illustrates the foundations and frameworks of reflective practice and outlines ways to support reflective supervision in a wide variety of work settings. It discusses the roles of the reflective supervisor, the knowledge and skills necessary, tips for providing group reflective supervision and vignettes outlining common supervisory dilemmas.

This book will help child care administrators design a recruitment plan so they are always prepared when turnover occurs; position the program to get numerous applicants to consider for vacant positions; determine criteria to maximize the “fit” between individuals, the job, and the center; choose an interview plan that will work; involve other teachers in the hiring process; select the right person from the applicant pool; and orient new staff right from the start.

This book provides information on using space creatively to help children grow while they are in child care settings. Environments are described to meet the needs of different age groups.

This book, which presents a practical introduction to multicultural and anti-bias issues for those who work with children and families in early childhood settings, includes a blend of theory and practice in the activities, examples, and staff training recommendations. This title is also available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

Focusing on the period from birth to school, this book is about babies’ and young children’s feelings, their learning, and the ways in which the key adults in their lives can support their emotional, social, and cognitive development. A story about one child is included in each section to demonstrate the theoretical concepts being presented.

Making the most of shared reading is the goal of this guide, ideal for early childhood educators in preschool, Head Start, and child care programs. Step by step strategies help educators engage, respond to, and teach young children during storybook reading.
This book is written for practitioners who must supervise staff from a wide variety of educational and cultural backgrounds. It provides guidelines and practical suggestions for staff training and development in early childhood settings.

Teaching infants, toddlers, and twos with special needs. Clarissa Willis, 2009. (LC 4019.3 W734t 2009 ECI).
This book covers the whole development of infants, toddlers, and twos and especially how to care for the children with special needs. It covers teaching life skills, eating and feeding, communication, cognitive development and play, social competence, motor development, and gives tips for family involvement.

This manual gives clear instructions on administering the TPOT tool, scoring it, and summarizing and interpreting scores. It will help early childhood programs use the TPOT effectively to promote positive social-emotional outcomes for young children. It is for programs who use the Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children.

Teaching children with disabilities requires the careful selection of appropriate strategies; effective, strategic planning and monitoring of child progress. This monograph describes several approaches that will help teachers become more responsive to students. Strategies include enhancing children's vocabulary through conversations; embedding learning opportunities across the day; increasing the complexity and duration of appropriate behavior; and using time delay to teach important skills and activities.

This book describes the active learning High/Scope approach for very young children who are in the sensory-motor stage of development.

This book provides a vision of early childhood programs in the 21st century; a synopsis of systems thinking and how it pertains to early childhood programs; real life stories from other directors; examples of how to translate values into innovative practices; and additional resources to make early childhood programs a success.

The most common source of non-parental care of infants and toddlers is care provided by family, friends, and neighbors in informal arrangements. This book reviews successful initiatives and programs that address barriers trainers face when focusing on the needs of these caregivers. It puts research into practice by offering concrete strategies to improve the quality of such care.

This book provides practical ways to bring the practices of Reggio Emilia to the early childhood classroom. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.
Inclusion and Transition – Audiovisuals

**Boy in the world.** 44 min. 2007. (DD0465).
This documentary follows four-year-old Ronen, a young boy with Down syndrome. It demonstrates that inclusive preschool classrooms benefit both children with special needs and their typical peers. It also examines the nuts and bolts of successful inclusion as well as the challenges of educational practices that help all children to learn and to find their place in the world.

**Creating inclusive child care facilities.** 2003. (CR0021).
This CD contains two books in CD format: the design guide for the development of universally designed child care facilities, and a financial toolkit for the development and financial stability of inclusive child care centers. The first guide details how to set up inclusive child care centers and the second gives advice about financing them.

**Emma’s gifts.** 46 min. 2004. (DD0463).
This documentary film follows the journey of Emma who was born with Down syndrome and her twin sister, Abigale who is a typically developing child. Viewers see the strategies used to include Emma in an inclusive school environment and witness the process of the Individualized Education Program meeting.

**Engaging young learners with special needs.** 98 min. 2014. (DD0656).
This program demonstrates how active learning principles, the learning environment, daily routine, and team planning help teachers individualize experiences for all young learners. This approach is shown during the daily routine. Viewers also learn how to work toward IEP (individualized education program) goals during meaningful everyday activities. The program is illustrated throughout with unstaged adult-child interactions involving children with special needs as well as typically developing children. Classrooms from five diverse preschool settings are shown in the DVD.

**Including Samuel.** 58 min. 2008. (DD0226).
This documentary examines the educational and social inclusion of youth with disabilities. It chronicles the Habib family’s efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives, and also features four other families with varied inclusion experiences.

**Inclusion: focus on toddlers and pre-k.** 35 min. 2009. (DD0391).
Viewers will learn how to create opportunities for all children to interact and enjoy the same activities. From supporting the independence of children with orthopedic impairments to intervening and supporting children through an extreme emotional outburst, the eight engaging, instructive video clips offer a wealth of strategies that meet individual needs and foster interactions and friendships.

**Mariah’s story: a study in age 3 transition.** 33 min. 1997. (DD0695).
This DVD profiles a little girl with Down syndrome, her family and their transition journey from infant-toddler intervention to special education services at the nearby Head Start. Viewers also meet the service providers who assisted this family during their transition. The DVD contains three modules: meeting the family, the transition meeting, and the IEP meeting.

**Opening the doors of tomorrow.** 25 min. 2006. (DD0265).
This program focuses on the keys to successful inclusion from a student’s point of view. A classroom of education students ask Karen Gaffney, a woman with Down syndrome, about inclusive classroom settings and what worked for her. Ms. Gaffney delivers a polished presentation full of important information for both families and educators.
Inclusion and Transition – Books

**A-Z of inclusion in early childhood.** Mary Dickens, 2014.
Key themes in inclusion are explored through an A – Z approach covering important concepts, theories, theorists, and figures. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

**The ABCs of the ADA: your early childhood program’s guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act.**
This book, which begins by explaining the law, provides step-by-step instructions for evaluating a child care center in terms of its accessibility and for developing a targeted compliance plan. It covers both administrative and program components. It contains case scenarios, sample action plans, and convenient worksheets and checklists to simplify the process.

This comprehensive resource contains examples, dialogues, and practical illustrations. It is focused on best practices in the fields of early childhood intervention and education. It includes a chart of typical development, a referral signals checklist, and a list of competencies for trainees in early childhood special education.

This guide addresses some of the issues of administering an inclusive preschool and is intended for administrators responsible for creating, monitoring, supporting, and maintaining an inclusive program. The authors present practical strategies suggested by research in the field of preschool inclusion.

This book defines the term authentic assessment and illustrates the difference between authentic assessment and conventional assessment. It explains how to conduct authentic assessment during children’s natural routines and play activities. It teaches how to use assessment to inform effective program planning; and ensure that practices are aligned with DEC and NAEYC recommendations. It shows how to involve families in the assessment process. It contains classroom examples and practical aids such as checklists.

This book will help educators assess children’s assistive technology (AT) needs; choose from high- and low-tech strategies; use AT to support development of critical skills such as communication, play, literacy, and computer use; embed AT into activity-based intervention; and more.

This book integrates knowledge about effective practices for teaching young children with and without disabilities. It discusses designing and planning quality curriculum frameworks; involving families in planning and implementing inclusive programs; using assessment information to plan what to teach; and strategies for monitoring child progress. It also provides a systematic approach to preventing and addressing challenging behavior.
NEW! Blending practices for all children. 2014. (LC 4019.3 B647 2014 ECI).
This book provides perspectives on blended practices for all young children served in inclusive settings. It
discusses adapting lesson plans for preschoolers, delivering individualized instruction during classroom activities,
preparing professionals to support children of diverse abilities, and more.

Building blocks for teaching preschoolers with special needs. Susan Sandall and Illene
This book provides practical solutions to everyday challenges for teachers, child care providers,
and other professionals who work in inclusive settings.

Cara’s kit for toddlers: creating adaptations for routines and activities. Philippa H. Campbell,
This guide to successful adaptations is aligned with recommended practices in early childhood special education
and early intervention. This book provides a reader-friendly, quick guide with tips and suggestions, a six-step
process for planning and implementing adaptations, and dozens of possible solutions for increasing child
participation in activities and routines.

Children with special needs in early childhood settings: identification, intervention, inclusion. Carol L.
This resource covers the spectrum of conditions, disabilities, syndromes and other types of developmental
differences that teachers and caregivers may encounter in children from infancy through age eight. Particular
emphasis is placed on finding effective ways to include children with special needs in the group.

Interventions for young children with disabilities are more effective when the adults involved form collaborative
partnerships. That’s why consultation, a systematic process to help educators, parents, and early childhood
professionals work together to address concerns and identify goals, is so important. This practical handbook
equips the reader with the skills needed to function as an effective consultant to educators and caregivers of
children from birth through age 5, leading step by step through an 8-stage model.

This book increases awareness of the need for change in the field of early childhood inclusion. It includes
rationales indicating what changes are necessary and the framework to guide an agenda for change.

Early childhood intervention: shaping the future for children with special needs and their families.
Christina Groark, 2011. (LC 4019.3 G873e 2011 ECI).
Volume three of this three volume set contains the chapter Children with disabilities, school readiness, and
transition to kindergarten.

This book offers an evidence-based approach to promoting engagement in preschoolers with or without special
needs.

This guide allows you to identify and plan for educating children with special needs. The reader will find current
early childhood education practices for teaching children with diverse learning and developmental needs, enabling
developmentally appropriate learning environments for all children. Sections include, Likenesses and differences
among children, Planning for inclusion, and Implementing inclusive early childhood programs.
This book contains a chapter called, *Entering preschool: supporting family involvement in the age three transition*.

From early intervention to preschool programs and school-age services: a parent’s guide to transitioning young children with special needs. Padmaja Sarathy, 2006. (556.8 S243f 2006 ECI).
This family-focused guide provides a road map of the events a parent can expect in the transition process from early childhood education to preschool and beyond. It is designed to empower families to ask the right questions and seek the most relevant information from professionals to help parents make effective transition-related decisions for young children with special needs.

This casebook offers 49 real life examples to assist teachers-in-training to start thinking like decision makers. These case studies help the teachers to gain experience and strategies for thinking through difficult situations.

Inclusive early childhood settings benefit all children, whether or not they have identified special needs. This book provides theoretical, conceptual, and practical information on relationship-based, inclusive practices for early childhood classrooms, an approach that strengthens every child and supports the child’s behavioral, emotional, social, and learning challenges. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

This user-friendly book, written for educators who work with 3- to 7-year-olds, provides more than 350 strategies to promote success for beginning learners, especially those with special needs. The second edition contains current brain research about learning and behavior challenges, information on IDEA 2004, a glossary, resource listings of organizations, and reproducibles. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.

This book provides guidance and materials for promoting the inclusion of students with diverse needs in large-scale assessment programs, with a focus on improving access to instruction within the general curriculum for all students. Included is a discussion of the rationale and legal basis for inclusive accountability, step-by-step instructions for making participation and accommodation decisions, and user-friendly forms and examples to guide teams through an informed decision-making process.

Inclusive education requires collaboration and communication among early childhood professionals and between families and schools. Teachers need to effectively use various teaching strategies and practices to differentiate curriculum and instruction so that every child receives individually appropriate support for learning. This book explains how to be an effective educator; how to create a classroom for all children; and how to practice effective teaching in an inclusive classroom.

100 literacy lessons, designed to introduce children ages 3-6 to a variety of literacy concepts and build important literacy skills. Each of these lessons offers adaptations for children with special needs, including visual
impairments, hearing impairments, cognitive challenges, motor delays, speech/language delays, and emotional/behavior issues.

This book guides the reader in choosing and using instructional technology to improve outcomes and ensure that children with and without disabilities are actively engaged. Aligned with the NAEYC policy statement on technology in early childhood programs, this book gives a framework for integrating instructional technology into everyday classroom activities.

This book provides an introduction to the educational policies, programs, practices, and services specific to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who demonstrate delays and disabilities. It also offers information about youngsters who exhibit signs of being at-risk for future programs in learning and development. Through various learning techniques, a website, and additional related resources, readers are guided to a full understanding of important theoretical and philosophical foundations in serving children whose learning is delayed. These include authentic assessments, cultural sensitivity and competence, activity-based interventions, and developmentally and individually appropriate practices. The book emphasizes instructional strategies necessary for creating inclusive learning environments, and offers recommendations throughout for using technology in the learning environment.

**Me, too.** Marci J. Hanson, 2001. (556.8 H251 2001 ECI).
This series of booklets contains activities to help parents and teachers develop inclusive strategies for children with disabilities.

This monograph discusses the importance of natural environments and inclusion of children with disabilities in the settings in which they are taught and cared for, child care centers and preschools in particular.

Nisbet argues that individuals with disabilities can be fully included in community life if those communities have extensive natural supports rather than separate inclusive programs. She includes a chapter on promoting belonging for young children in their communities and in their preschools.

This book for teachers who work with infants and toddlers offers more than 400 tips, ideas, and easy-to-do activities. It offers ideas for helping children move smoothly from child care to preschool.

This book presents a practical, step-by-step model used to facilitate the transition to kindergarten that has been field-tested and adopted in diverse schools and communities.

This book focuses on children birth to 5. It gives future professionals specific, evidence-based knowledge on what to teach and how to teach it, with practical methods that fit into naturally occurring activities and routines. The authors synthesize nearly a decade of new developments in this revised and expanded second edition. This title is available through Ebsco eBooks. Contact the library at (512) 776-7559 for more information.
This practical guide presents a collaborative planning process with a multi-pronged approach to address the challenges of multiple transitions that occur in the preschool years. It provides creative ideas and strategies for developing and implementing a best-practice system to achieve smooth transitions from one service delivery model to another for preschool children with special needs and their families.

This book assists professionals from different early childhood programs learn to collaborate as they establish a clear vision of what transition should look like; view transition from a general education and special education perspective; set up a formal interagency structure to ensure effective teamwork; make decisions as a group; draw up a work plan; guide children and families as they adapt to new environments, and more.

Transition education and services for students with disabilities. Patricia L. Sitlington, 2010. (LC 4019 s623t 2010 RHB).
This is a comprehensive textbook on transition education and services. It contains chapters on the transition process from ECI to preschool.

Transition is more than a change in services: the need for a multicultural perspective. Deborah A. Bruns and Susan A. Fowler, 2001. (556.8 B898t 2001 ECI).
In this report, recommended transition practices are contrasted with actual practices. Five factors, the 5C’s: community context, collaboration, communication, family concerns, and continuity, are presented as principles to guide the development and utilization of transition practices for families from culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

This training manual is designed to provide professionals with field tested practices and materials that support the transition process from early intervention services to the preschool environment.

This book is a practical guide to effective procedures for practitioners in early intervention/early childhood special education. The book explains teaching strategies that support the development and learning of infants and young children with disabilities in inclusive settings.

Child Care, Inclusion, or Transition – Selected Websites

CLASP’s Charting Progress for Babies in Child Care project links research to policy ideas and examples that support the healthy growth and development of infants and toddlers in child care settings. See http://www.clasp.org/babiesinchildcare/publications?id=0010.

Early childhood education training: In module 1 of these online modules for teachers, you will learn about the practice of embedded interventions to help children participate in a variety of early learning opportunities and environments promoting high quality inclusion. See http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-1. In module 2, learn about practices to help support children and families as they transition among programs in the early care and education system. See http://community.fpg.unc.edu/connect-modules/learners/module-2.
“Early Childhood Inclusion” is a joint position statement on inclusion from DEC (Division for Early Childhood) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. See http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/DEC_NAEYC_EC_updatedKS.pdf.


“Ensuring Quality Care for Children with Disabilities and Complex Health and Emotional Needs”: This workshop explores the needs and challenges faced by individuals and families affected by disabilities and complex conditions, as well as opportunities and innovative approaches for those conditions. https://www.nap.edu/catalog/23544/ensuring-quality-and-accessible-care-for-children-with-disabilities-and-complex-health-and-educational-needs

Head Start information from the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center is located at http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc.

“The LEAP Model of Early Intervention for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Randomized, Controlled Trial”. Watch this webinar at http://www.aucd.org/template/event.cfm?event_id=2546.


Questions regarding the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title III (Title 3) and Child Day Care Operations. See http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Information_for_Providers/faq_ada.asp.


Zero to Three’s website has articles for parents about choosing child care, including tips and tools. See http://www.zerotothree.org/early-care-education/child-care/.

New Books


This handbook serves as an educator’s guide to coaching and supporting new parents. It provides innovative teaching techniques for helping parents to understand the ways infants communicate their needs and wants and explores key aspects of a baby’s behavior including bonding, sleeping, crying and self-soothing. Seven looseleaf pages are included that show photographs of an infant’s behavior and explain what it means.


Cerebral visual impairment (CVI) has become the most common cause of visual impairment in children in the United States. This book is a comprehensive sourcebook of knowledge about CVI and best practices for working with affected children. Chapters illuminate the complexities of vision loss related to brain injury and neurological causes and provide readers with approaches to assessment and intervention.

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