



## Beyond the Classroom: A Focus on State Systems that Foster Inclusion

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## Leadership and Cross-Sector Collaboration



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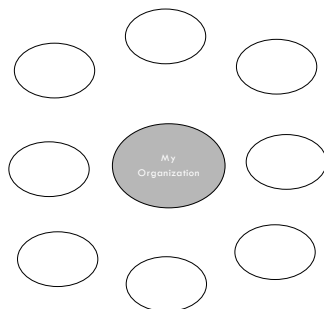
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What structures or  
support do you have in  
your state or local area  
to support inclusion?



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What is your current relationship with those structures/supports?

	Key
—	Strong Partnership
+++	Stressful Partnership
---	Weak Partnership
→	Support provided from your organization
←	Support provided to your organization
↔	Reciprocal Partnership

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**Partnerships with Families**

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•What type of agreements, collaborations, and partnerships have been established to support children with disabilities to receive services in inclusive settings?

•What strategies has your agency/program put into place to ensure strong partnerships exist with families for creating inclusive communities and services?



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## Policy Initiatives and Accountability Systems

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- What state policies have been established to support inclusive practices?

- What strategies have been established to promote inclusive placements?

- What incentives have been put in place to meet LRE requirements?

- What strategies might be feasible in your state?



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## Professional Development

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\*How does your PD system address the needs of children with disabilities & their families?

\*Have specific personnel competencies & accompanying training opportunities been established that address working with children with disabilities and their families?

\*How are local agencies/ programs providing PD & family support activities that strengthen staff's ability to adequately meet the needs of children with disabilities in inclusive settings?



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## Public Awareness Efforts

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\*What public awareness activities have been created & implemented that actively support children with disabilities being served in a variety of early childhood settings?

\*How and by whom were they developed, and for which targeted audience(s)?

\*What strategies might be feasible in your state?



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## Creative Funding Strategies

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- What kinds of different funding options is your agency/program using to support serving children with disabilities in inclusive settings?

- In what ways have strategies and/or policies been put into place that support resource allocation to support inclusion?

- What strategies might be feasible in your state?



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## Next Steps?

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