

Inclusion checklist

Recent research recognises that typically developing children and children with disabilities thrive when they play, learn and interact together (www.inclusionnow.org.au).

Inclusion benefits everyone.

This checklist can be used to think about how your activity can work towards genuine inclusion for all children.

Inclusion means participation, not just presence.

- Do you have a welcoming and friendly environment?
- What have you done to encourage inclusion?
- What worked and why? What didn't work and why?
- Do you have an inclusion policy?
- Do you have an inclusion plan?
- Does your registration material allow families to identify any additional supports they may require?
- Is your activity physically accessible : do you have ramps, wide doors, rails, accessible changing rooms?
- Can you have open days or trial sessions so that families can come and try before signing up?
- Can you adapt or modify activities to allow for more diverse participation while retaining the integrity of the activity?
- Are there opportunities for families and children to become involved in your group in other ways?
- Does your club encourage feedback?
- Do you have good links with local community organisations that can help you become more inclusive?
- Are there opportunities for your staff/ volunteers to access information or awareness training to be inclusive?
- Do you promote your activity as inclusive?
- Do families know how you can help?

Use the expertise within your group or activity and your community to identify opportunities for inclusion and develop an action plan that addresses how this can be achieved.

Practice, review and refine inclusion strategies.

There is no single inclusion model that will fit all clubs or activities. Inclusion plans that are developed specifically for your circumstances and goals will ensure that inclusion becomes a genuine part of your activity and club.

If you would like more information about community inclusion, we have developed a series of factsheets and checklists for families and communities.

These can be found at:

<http://www.directory.byronearlyintervention.org.au/>

We recommend reading the *Shaping Outcomes Inclusion guide, inclusion tips and disability factsheets*

For further information about inclusion success stories:

Coaching Torpedo Tyler: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HExMJDagFzk>

Real Life Stories, all-in website: <http://all-in.com.au/RealLifeStories>

For further information about inclusion:

<http://all-in.com.au/>

<http://www.inclusionnow.org.au/>

http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coaches/tools/coaching_specific_groups/Inclusive

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>



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