

Working with Multi-Needs Children: An Introduction to Inclusion

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Areas of Focus

- Services
- Programs
- Collections



Why is this important?

2017 CDC report estimates that 1 in 6 children have one or more developmental disabilities

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder

Autism spectrum disorder

Blindness

Cerebral palsy

Moderate-to-profound hearing loss

Learning disability

Intellectual disability

Seizure in the past 12 months

Stuttering or stammering in the past 12 months

Any other developmental delay

The percentage of children aged 3–17 years diagnosed with a developmental disability increased—from 16.2% in 2009–2011 to 17.8% in 2015–2017.

Libraries are for everyone.



Inclusive Services

- Speak directly to the patron
- Allow for processing and response time
- Use visual supports
- Offer choices
- Adjust delivery



Inclusivity in Programs/Outreach

Inclusive Programs and Targeted Programs

Sensory-Friendly Performances

Therapy Dog Programs

Early Intervention Play Groups

Special Needs Fair

Accessible Library Hour

Finding and working with community partners



Collections

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- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
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Children's Books: Portrayals of People with Disabilities



Curated in conjunction with Mary Anne Prater, the author or co-author of seven books and dozens of academic journal articles on teaching students with developmental difficulties as well as special and general education topics, this search tool contains information and synopses of children's and young adult literature about or having to do with people with disabilities. This information includes the name of the author and illustrator, year of publication, publisher, appropriate grade level, and award status.

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Iris Center at Vanderbilt University <https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/resources/books/>



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