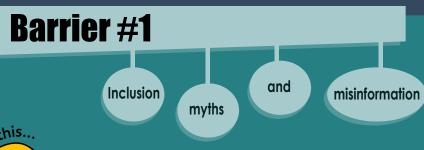


Inclusion Barriers

(& Tips on Solving Them!)





Connect parents and staff with inclusion-related workshops, support groups, and reliable information on sites like The Arc and NICHCY.





- Use your newsletter to highlight inclusion benefits and facts
- Post reader-friendly research summaries on your program's website
- Develop a Q&A handout for parents & staff





- Develop inclusion resource library with books, videos, etc.
- Organize parent information nights
- Consider an "inclusion observation series" that lets parents watch inclusion in practice
 - Invite a panel of families to speak about inclusion and answer questions
- Have staff share inclusion success stories with parents



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Blocks for Teaching Preschoolers with Special Needs to collect information about a child, embed interventions into classroom activities, and monitor progress. They'll be able to see just how much kids with disabilities learn and grow over the course of the year.

Barrier #5 time Lack this... Begin planning for inclusion well in advance of

this.

- the school year, so teachers feel ready on Day 1 Pair novice teachers with experienced ones so they can solve problems as a team
- Build in weekly planning times for teaching teams during the school year Hold monthly brainstorming lunches
- **Barrier** #6



Reach out to a program already implementing inclusion under the guidance of a licensed early childhood special educator. Ask if the educator could provide supervision at your site.

If distance and funding are issues, consider video coaching strategies and online training modules.

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