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HHS and ED Release Statement on the Importance of Inclusive Early Childhood Programs for Young Children with Disabilities

This week, the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services released a policy statement highlighting the importance of making sure that all young children with disabilities have access to inclusive high-quality early childhood programs. The policy statement sets a vision for states, local educational agencies, schools, and public and private early childhood programs to strengthen and increase the number of inclusive high-quality early childhood programs nationwide.

In a [guest post](#) for the ACL blog, two directors of AIDD-funded University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Mary Beth Bruder and Michael Guralnick, explain why inclusion in early childhood programs is so important to the future success of children with disabilities.

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