



INCLUSION FOR YOUR CHILD IN THEIR LEARNING AND EDUCATION SETTING

Your child will learn and develop best when in contact with other children. Being fully involved in an Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) or school setting is really important for your child's development. Your son or daughter may have some challenges, but be assured with the right support all children are able to access and participate in all early education learning opportunities.

At Shaping Outcomes we know that there are many exciting learning opportunities in your child's educational setting. There may also be challenges that your child needs support with. Your Key Worker Specialist can support you to identify some educational goals that are important to you. They can support you and your child's educators so your child can get the most out of their ECEC/school life.

Some of the ways we support children in their early education setting is around:

- Communication to express their needs and wants
- Sharing and turn taking
- Peer interactions and making friends
- Joining in at circle time
- Pretend play
- Self-help and independence
- Separation and anxiety
- Specific skills like - cognitive, fine motor, gross motor etc.

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WHAT IS INCLUSION?

Inclusion for children with disabilities enables them to achieve meaningful involvement in their families, community and society. This can involve the ability to make friends, participate in community activities, engage in activities and play, and experiencing inclusive access in their learning environment, that allows them to participate and succeed alongside their peers. Inclusion contributes to a child's and families wellbeing and plays a role in children growing to become valued and contributing members of our community.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSION

Every child is unique – each with his or her own personality, qualities, abilities and challenges. Although there may be some obstacles for your child, we know there are wonderful opportunities for your son or daughter to be included in all parts of family, mainstream education and community life.

Some careful thinking and planning will greatly support your child to have the life you want for them. At Shaping Outcomes a Key Worker Specialist can support your family to set some goals and aspirations that are important to you. Working on what is important to you in your child's natural environment – home, early education and community.



INCLUSION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Keeping connected in the community is really important for your child. However, we know that using services like doctors and hairdressers or going shopping in supermarkets can be a real challenge. Getting to sporting, leisure, cultural or religious environments may also be hard.

At Shaping Outcomes we know that there are many exciting learning opportunities in your child's community life. Your Key Worker Specialist can support you to identify some community goals and aspirations that are important to you. They can support you to achieve those goals so that life will be easier and more enjoyable for your family.

Some of the ways we support families in community include:

- Using public toilets
- Shopping trips
- Car/bus trips and travel routes
- General appointments
- Visits to the park, beach etc.
- Play dates and birthday parties
- Swimming and sports groups
- Going on holidays
- Visits with family and friends.



INCLUSION IN YOUR HOME

Your child's learning and wellbeing comes from your family relationships, interactions, and home routines. This means your child learns the most from you and your family in your daily home life. With support natural learning in your home is the best 'therapy' your child can have.

At Shaping Outcomes we know that there are many learning opportunities in your child's home life. There will also be some challenges that you and your child need support with. Your Key Worker Specialist can support you to identify what needs to happen, set some goals and develop a strategy to achieve them. They will support you through every stage, setting you and your child up for success, in turn this will decrease undue stress and make family life more enjoyable.

Some of the ways we support families in this area include:

- Managing sensory needs in the home
- Communication to express needs and wants
- Understanding and regulation of emotions
- Engaging and enjoying each other
- Meal times
- Morning and night routines
- Getting dressed
- Sibling relationships.