

# Inclusion in the Afterschool Environment

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The NC CCR&R Council has been awarded a grant to assess the barriers, perceptions and misconceptions, and access to child care services for youth with or at risk for intellectual or developmental disabilities. This is a very exciting time with the opportunity to impact public policy and changes that will benefit our communities. 14 Regional forums will be held across the state to obtain feedback from parents, community partners, and child care providers. Following the regional forums, a statewide task force will be formed to develop public policy recommendations to be presented to the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD). Specific data analysis indicates that families of school age children with intellectual or developmental delays have the most difficult experiences in locating adequate child care arrangements, especially summer camps. The goal of the grant is ultimately to improve access to quality child care for these families. As we look toward the regional forums, the Lead Agency in each region will be asking for support and input from the child care community, we hope that as child care providers you will be supportive of this project and help us work toward the development of public policy recommendations and increased access to quality child care arrangements for children with or at risk for intellectual or developmental delays. This presents an opportunity to advocate for children and have your voice be heard!

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