



The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County offers support for inclusion through a team of specialists. Inclusion Specialists provide a variety of resources and strategies to empower child care providers, families, and communities to help identify and utilize resources, services, and supports to ensure all children are successfully included in the learning environment. If you are concerned with the development of your child in any area (social-emotional, behavioral, speech/language, hearing, vision, medical, dental, or overall child's development), resources are shared to help locate further evaluation and intervention services. Any child residing in Orange County, birth-5, is eligible for inclusive services.

If you have concerns about your child's development, a referral intake form must be completed to begin the process. The Inclusion Specialist will observe the child in a natural setting (the classroom), and a validation of child concerns are prepared. The validation of child concerns and specific community resources for obtaining further evaluation/intervention is shared with the provider and parent/guardian. Inclusion Specialists do not directly evaluate nor deliver therapeutic intervention.

The Coalition's Inclusion Department provides parents and providers with services to enhance knowledge and competence in serving and caring for our children in Orange County. Inclusion services include technical assistance and consultation regarding curriculum, teaching strategies, environmental adaptations, and challenging behavioral solutions. To address any concerns about your child's development, please contact us via email at inclusionservices@elcoc.org. Inclusion Specialists will send an Adobe link for completing and submitting the necessary referral forms to begin the process. Please gather any necessary information or documentation of your concerns to share at the time of the observation follow up.

After you receive the link, download, fill out, and submit all completed referral forms back to the Early Learning Coalition using the Submit link provided. You will then receive a confirmation email to print copies of the submitted forms. **Please note: Pages 1 & 2 can also be completed separately by both provider staff and parent/ guardian if a link is requested for both parties. Separate email addresses will be needed for both parties to receive the Adobe link.**

All the best,
The Inclusion Department

For Inclusion Services, Contact:
inclusionservices@elcoc.org