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## **Provide Feedback on DRAFT Early Childhood Inclusion Statement**

Help shape the future of early childhood inclusion. The Division of Early Childhood and the National Association for the Education of Young Children are seeking feedback on a joint position statement on early childhood inclusion. The draft statement and a survey are available online.

Read the statement and provide feedback

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## **Speaking of Inclusion**

Visit the NPDCI's blog "Speaking of Inclusion..." Each week we invite your comments on inclusion insights, stories and resources.

This week's blog post:

### **Shape the Future of Inclusion**

by Pam Winton

Have you ever had a conversation about inclusion only to find out later that the term meant one thing to you and something completely different to the other person?

We've certainly seen this play out in the press where reporters use terms like inclusion and mainstreaming interchangeably. Consensus on a definition of early childhood inclusion is essential for creating high expectations for infants and young children with disabilities and shaping policies and practices that support high quality inclusion.

Fortunately, we all now have an opportunity to weigh in on what early childhood inclusion means. The two major early childhood education professional organizations, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) have collaborated to create a draft definition. Help ensure that the final statement is useful, relevant, and of high quality by reviewing the draft and completing a brief online survey. Once finalized, the statement will help shape the future of early childhood inclusion.

[Comment on this posting](#)

More Blog Postings:

- [Effective Inclusion: It's More Than Moving Little Bodies](#)
- [Sarah Palin and Parent Advocacy for Children with Disabilities](#)
- [Professional Development: Beyond the Lunch Hour](#)
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## Quick Poll

Last month's poll was, "Have you ever read or posted to a blog?" Sixty percent of respondents answered "Yes", while 37% said "No" and 3% asked, "What's a blog?"

This month we want to know, "Do you think the attention given to children with disabilities by the presidential campaigns will translate into policy improvements post-election?"

[Cast your vote here](#)

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## Save the date! The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Inclusion Institute will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Inclusion Institute is the premier educational opportunity for anyone involved in the care and education of children birth through age five with special needs in inclusive settings. View presentations from the 2008 Institute.

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## Presentations

## **Keynote Address: Early Childhood Inclusion and the Evidence-Based Practice Movement**

What are the origins of early childhood inclusion? How is inclusion influenced by the evidence-based practice movement? Virginia Buysse and Patricia Wesley delivered a keynote address: Early Childhood Inclusion and the Evidence-Based Practice Movement at the 8th Biennial National Early Childhood Intervention Australia Conference.

[View presentation](#)

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