ee A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark. **99**

-Chinese Proverb

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"Recent data indicate that expulsions and suspensions occur regularly in early childhood settings and at a much higher rate than in K-12 education."

> "Many studies have found that children who are expelled or suspended are more likely to experience academic failure and grade retention, drop out of high school, and face juvenile incarceration than those who are not." -<u>preventexpulsion.org</u>

What is Inclusion Support Coaching?

Inclusion Support Coaching aims to help programs develop or strengthen their ability to successfully include young children with identified disabilities or behavior concerns in all daily routines and activities. This would lessen the need for suspension, expulsion, and disruption within the child's and families' lives.

Who Can Receive Coaching?

On-site inclusion coaching is available to any STARS early learning provider. In most cases, initial observations are able to occur within a shortened turn-around time. An individualized plan may be developed for each program.

Individualized Plans

Plans may include:

- Observation of the classroom routines and environment
- Meetings with the teaching staff and directors
- Strategies for supporting success for children who may have behavioral challenges or diagnosed disabilities
- Lending library of materials help support children and teachers
- Teacher support and assistance for utilizing ASQ-SE-2 screenings
- Providing information on community supports
- Other needs as identified around inclusion, suspension and expulsion

Working Together

Inclusion Support Coaching is not designed to replace Early Intervention, Infant/Toddler or Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant services if deemed appropriate for a child. However, this support may be available to address a child's and/or program's needs in order to be successful until El/IT/IECMHC services can start.